

WEATHER

Tonight: Showers, Mild
Christmas Day: Clearing

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15 CENTS DAILY, 30 CENTS SATURDAY

merry Christmas



'TIS THE NIGHT before Christmas and the Fowlers of 4394 Torrington Place like many Victorians have gathered around the Christmas tree to await The Day that each year brings back the meaning of family. For children like Stacy, Mike and Jim, their stockings hung in anticipation, the day means a royal visit from Old Saint Nick, but for Garth and his wife Joan, Christmas means the warmth of family togetherness. (John McKay photo)

NICKELS, DIMES ADD UP TO JOY

Two groups of small boys will go to bed tonight, blessed with the spirit of Christmas in its truest sense.

They are members of the 3rd Cedar Hill and 1st Cedar Hill Beaver colonies (Junior Cubs of five to seven years of age).

Saving some nickels and dimes, earning others, they've learned the lesson some adults never learn: giving is one of the biggest joys of Christmas.

Between them, they've donated \$17 to the United Service Committee, to be spent on children to whom Christmas Day is just like any other, a day where hunger is always the unseen guest at the family table.

Touched by the plight of children in Bangladesh, Vietnam and other countries where war-orphaned children know no Holy Night, one of the young Beavers gave up a birthday dollar to help.

For 30 years the USC has been waging a quiet but determined war against hunger and want in Africa and Asia, its supply lines kept open by thousands of Canadians, who like the Beaver groups, believe Christmas to be an all-the-year-round affair.

The consistent Canadian help has no political undertones. Although the USC concentrates on helping the hard-hit people of these needy countries take their own first steps back toward self-sufficiency, there is no enforcing of Western methods and attitudes that could confuse those the USC seeks to serve.

Victorians are being asked to donate \$22,785 for the USC this holiday season, enough to buy and ship a single carload of powdered milk overseas.

To hungry children waiting to receive it, the powdered milk will be a symbol of peace.

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Top CIA Domestic Spy Quits Under Pressure

Times News Services

WASHINGTON — James Angleton, named in published reports as overseer of alleged illegal spying by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, told The Associated Press today he has resigned as head of the

agency's counter-intelligence operations.

Angleton's resignation became known after President Ford ordered State Secretary Henry Kissinger to get a report from the CIA "within a matter of days" on allegations

of spying on U.S. citizens within the United States.

A spokesman for Kissinger said Monday that the secretary "has never seen any survey of American citizens by the CIA and he doesn't know if any such survey exists."

But later, administration sources disclosed that a CIA survey titled "Restless Youth" crossed Kissinger's desk in March, 1969.

They described it as a general, philosophical discussion of the youth movement abroad with references to the attitudes of U.S. students and youth during the 1960s.

The CIA is prohibited by law from conducting intelligence or counter-intelligence operations within the U.S. That is the FBI's responsibility.

Documents obtained by Senator Howard Baker (Rep. Tenn.) during his inquiry into the CIA's possible involvement in Watergate contained "references to an apparent CIA file" on columnist Jack Anderson.

A source within the CIA confirmed the existence of such a file and said it had been maintained by the U.S. intelligence board, a committee whose members include the heads of the government's various intelligence services.

Angleton had come to the attention of one of the congressional investigations of Watergate.

A source familiar with that investigation said he got the clear impression that Angleton's operation was very secret and was feared by other CIA employees.

CRIME CHOPPED

VANCOUVER (CP) — A would-be robber found Monday that his pocket knife was no match for grocery store owner Chuck Chow's 12-inch meat cleaver.

Two policemen arrived at the store to see Chow running along the street, waving the cleaver at a man.

The officers joined the chase, but the suspect evaded both Chow and the police.

Chow told police a man pulled a knife and demanded all the money in the store.

Chow said he refused, ran into the kitchen to call police and then grabbed the meat cleaver.

Canada Protests Meddling by U.S.

Times News Services

OTTAWA — Canada today sent a strong diplomatic note to the U.S. protesting "intolerable interference" by a U.S. firm in ordering a Canadian subsidiary to halt a \$500,000 sale to Cuba.

The U.S. parent firm, Litton Industries of Beverly Hills, feared that should the sale go through, it might run afoul of the U.S. Trading With The Enemy Act.

A note now is being delivered to the U.S. state department outlining the government's position that "this interference in Canadian corporate activity is not acceptable." Trade Minister Alastair Gillespie said.

Washington embassy officials are to meet state department representatives later today about the issue, he said.

While Litton's U.S. directors vetoed the sale after a check Gillespie was commenting at a news conference on the decision by directors of Litton Industries Inc. of Beverly Hills, Calif., to stop a furniture sale to Cuba negotiated by its Toronto-based subsidiary, the Cole Division of Litton Business Equipment Ltd.

After the U.S. directors learned informally the enemy trading act probably would be applied against the sale, they ordered Cole to drop the order.

Gillespie today met Cole president W. J. Phillips, who has stated publicly that he intends to proceed with the sale.

Gillespie advised Phillips to tell the U.S. parent company that if the U.S. directors of Cole fear reprisal under the enemy trading act, they should be fired and replaced by Canadian directors.

All Cole's directors are U.S. citizens and residents.

They might be subject to fines and jail terms of up to 10 years should the Canadian company proceed with the sale after the U.S. enemy trading act was invoked.

Cole president Phillips is a

Canadian but he is not a director, nor are most of the other senior officers directors, Gillespie said.

The degree of direct U.S. government involvement in ordering that the sale be stopped is not clear yet, Gillespie said.

While Litton's U.S. directors vetoed the sale after a check with Washington, it wasn't known whether the U.S. government said a flat no to the deal.

This would be explored in the note that the external affairs department is sending the U.S. state department, he indicated.

LIQUOR TO JUMP 40c A BOTTLE

Liquor prices will jump 40 cents a bottle in January when new federal taxes take effect in British Columbia.

Prices for rye currently start at just under \$6 a 26-ounce bottle.

Wine prices will also increase slightly but beer will not be affected.

A spokesman for the Liquor Administration Branch said he could not comment because it was branch policy not to issue a price statement until the new rates were announced to liquor store managers.

However, the Times learned from other sources that taxes will be passed along in January but not on present stock. The price change will take effect as soon as stock already on the shelves is sold.

Big Energy Crunch For U.S. Northwest

By MARJORIE NICHOLS
Special to The Times

The American Northwest is facing an energy crisis of gigantic proportions because of new federal taxes on natural gas producers, B.C. Attorney-General Alex Macdonald said Monday.

Macdonald, the minister responsible for energy policy, said in Vancouver that there will almost certainly be a shortfall in natural gas exports to the U.S. next winter of 400 million to 500 million cubic feet.

What this means, he said, is that B.C. will not be able to meet its commitment for export to Oregon, Washington and Idaho of about 809 million cubic feet a day.

About 70 per cent of all natural gas used in these three states now comes from B.C. If, as predicted, there is a shortfall of 500 million cubic feet, these states will be faced with a reduction of more than 50 per cent of needed supply.

The Vancouver press conference was attended by a representative of the U.S. consul general's office in B.C. Although the American official made no statements, other sources said the issue was being viewed "gravely by the U.S."

Two years ago, when salt water leaks at several northern B.C. wells caused a minor cut-back in U.S. exports, officials in Oregon contemplated shutting down schools in the state to conserve energy.

Macdonald placed blame for the natural gas situation on the doorstep of Finance Minister John Turner and the new federal budget brought down Nov. 15.

"B.C. has received some bleak Christmas news... some staggering news," the attorney general said, before spelling out the implications for natural gas production as a result of the federal budget.

At issue is the "fair market value" of B.C. gas, which is

Oil Firms Seeking One Cent Increase

OTTAWA (CP) — Oil companies are seeking increases of up to one cent a gallon on petroleum products effective next Wednesday, industry sources said today.

Government officials were not available for comment but one industry spokesman said Ottawa was sympathetic to the request.

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Firemen Pledge Emergency Aid

City firefighters guaranteed Monday that if they ever strike they will continue to respond to all emergencies to save people.

But property may simply be left to burn.

In this way, said Ross Cameron, president of the Victoria local of the International Association of Firefighters, the union hopes to avoid what happened in suburban Vancouver last summer when firefighters withdrew all services and were legislated back to work.

Cameron said the union is not contemplating a strike but has adopted a policy in case it has to strike. (See also Page 17.)

"In all events we will go to any emergency call and save life," he said, adding that this would be a voluntary unpaid service by the strikers.

"That may be the extent of our involvement."

The building might be allowed to burn, or the adjacent buildings might be made safe from the fire spreading, or the adjacent buildings might also be left unattended, he said.

"We have the right to strike and if necessary we should be allowed to utilize it," he said. "We hope our policy would allow a strike to continue."

Mayor Peter Pollen, interviewed during his round of Christmas well-wishing to municipal employees, said:

man who told them they were being offered breakfast by the president.

Giscard d'Estaing welcomed them into the ground-floor dining room and invited them to his table, along with his cabinet secretary, Philippe Sauzet, and a news agency photographer.

Breakfast was the traditional cafe au lait, toast and

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO
YOU
THANKS TO L. LINDSLEY, BUFFALO, N.Y.
Send your own WORDPLAY, care of this newspaper.

Cloudy, Green Christmas

"Snow will have to come direct from the North Pole courtesy of Santa and his reindeer if Victorians are to have a white Christmas."

The weather office has still not changed its prediction of cloud, with showers and possible clearing late Christmas day.

The Malahat had "snow early this morning, but it disappeared quickly as temperatures climbed to the low 40s."

Boxing Day should be warmer with highs in the upper-30s and lows in the upper-30s, but clouds, rain and partial clearing is expected to continue.

Giscard d'Estaing gave each worker a Christmas present of a turkey and a bottle of champagne, then wished them an enjoyable day.

Trudeau in the Swim...

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau has accepted the gift of an indoor swimming pool from an anonymous group of donors.

A spokesman for his office said Monday night that cost figures are not available and "I don't know what the prime minister's contribution is to be."

William Fader, a Toronto physician and spokesman for the group, said Monday in a

news release that the pool would be built at the prime minister's official residence.

Fader said later the identity and number of donors as well as the cost of the indoor-outdoor facility at 24 Sussex Drive will remain a secret. He said funds for the pool will be administered in a trust fund in Toronto that has been established under his name.

Herbert Brune, owner of a local construction company which has been approached to undertake the project, said

the pool will measure 40 by 20 feet and be located on the side of the residence.

B. R. Wellman, a local swimming pool builder, said the cost of a fully-equipped pool that size is about \$15,000. Cost of a building to enclose the pool would be another \$30,000.

Fader said the idea of building the pool occurred to him in the hall when he heard about U.S. presidents having the use of such private physical fitness facilities.

As a result, he made contact with some friends in Toronto about a month ago.

He said he met Trudeau and "another person" about three weeks ago, then began to plan building the pool.

The pool will be the second major addition to the prime minister's household in the last two weeks. A new limousine costing more than \$83,000 was purchased by the government for the prime minister two weeks ago.

TRASHMEN LIVE HIGH

PARIS (CP) — Four Paris garbage collectors had breakfast with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing this morning.

The workers — a Frenchman, two Malians and Senegalese — were working along the Avenue Marigny behind the Elysee Palace when their truck was stopped by a police

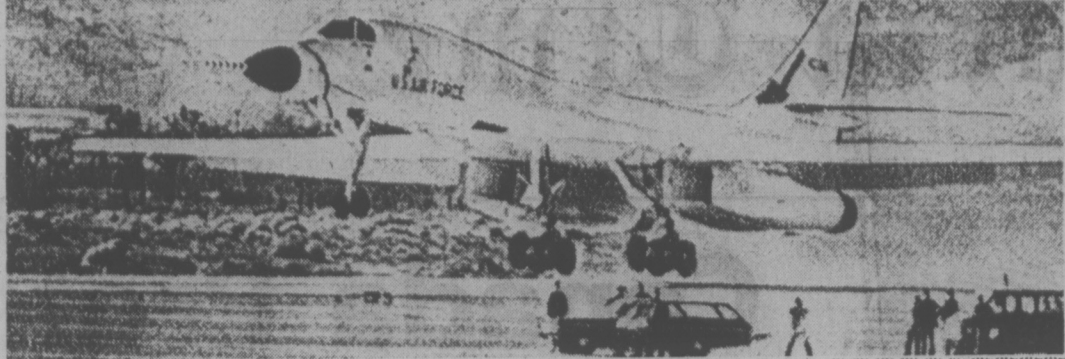
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THE FIRST B1, the supersonic bomber the U.S. Air Force hopes will replace the aging B-52, swept aloft Monday for an "extremely successful" maiden flight of 77 minutes.

After 12 years of development, as a cost of about \$2 billion, the first flight of the controversial plane (right) cost approximately \$30 million a minute.



Dime Shared for Joy

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ple caring — succint and life-saving.

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31 and can be mailed to the Unitarian Services Committee, PO Box 300, Victoria. They also can be made at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

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MACDONALD FORECASTS ENERGY CRUNCH IN U.S.

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marked through a crown-owned company, the B.C. Petroleum Corporation. The petroleum corporation now pays private gas producers an average of about 22 cents a thousand cubic feet for natural gas, which it in turn retails for an average of about 82 cents a thousand cubic feet.

The crown company thus reaps an enormous profit from its gas operations. Although final figures are not yet available, it is expected that B.C.P.C. profits for 1974 will be in the neighborhood of \$100 million.

The only revenue the federal government now receives is derived from ordinary taxes on the private producers. Because the petroleum corporation is a crown-owned company it is not subject to federal tax.

In an attempt to force the province to reduce its share of the natural gas profits, the new budget included a provision that would assess federal taxes against the private producers on the basis of the "fair market value" of their gas, rather than the actual price received from the provincially owned company.

Ottawa's intention, it appeared, was to force the province to increase the price paid to the private producers, thus decreasing the provincial share and increasing Ottawa's. The tactic is similar to the squeeze put on the oil producers in Alberta by rendering royalties non-deductible.

Faced with the prospect of a massive exodus from the province of oil exploration companies, the Alberta government 10 days ago announced a new program of assistance to offset the adverse financial impact of Ottawa's budget.

But the B.C. attorney general made clear that his province has no intention of following the Alberta example. A spokesman for the petroleum corporation said later: "We won't back off."

The B.C. government has argued that the 22 cents it now pays to the producers is in fact the "fair market value." And in an attempt to persuade Ottawa, a provincial delegation flew to the federal capital last week for discussions.

The mission was, however, unsuccessful. Ottawa has informed the province that it considers the "fair market value" of B.C. gas to be about 37 cents a thousand cubic feet, or the selling price minus transportation costs.

the weather

Skies are cloudy throughout B.C. this morning. There is occasional rain along the coast and a few snowflurries inland. Skies will remain mostly overcast throughout the province today as the westerly flow of moist air persists. The snow in some coastal areas early this morning should soon turn to rain and periods of rain or drizzle will persist along the coast today. A band of snow will move through the interior.

There will be showers along the south coast Christmas morning but a ridge of high pressure will give some improvement by afternoon as it moves inland. There will be a few snowflurries in the eastern interior. More rain should reach the outer coast in the evening. Temperatures will be a little milder for Christmas.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE

5 A.M. FORECASTS
Valid until Midnight

Wednesday

Greater Victoria: Today, overcast with periods of rain. Winds at times moderate easterly. Christmas Day, mainly cloudy with a few morning showers. Highs both days, mid forties; lows tonight, upper thirties.

North and West Vancouver Island: Today, overcast with rain or drizzle; winds fresh southeasterly. Christmas Day, cloudy with a few showers. Highs both days 40 to 45; lows tonight 35 to 40.

Greater Vancouver, East Vancouver Island: Today, overcast with periods of rain occasionally mixed with snow early this morning; fresh southeast winds at times. Christmas Day, mainly cloudy, a few showers in the morning. Highs both days 40 to 45. Lows tonight 35 to 40.

Lower Mainland: Overcast with occasional rain except occasional light snow in east-

ern sections this morning and in western areas early this morning; winds at times fresh southeasterly. Christmas Day, mainly cloudy, a few showers in the morning. Highs both days 40 to 45; lows tonight 35 to 40.

TEMPERATURES		
Yesterday		
Max.	Min.	Prep.
Victoria 41	32	—
Normal 46	39	—

One Year Ago

Victoria	48	42	.01
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ACROSS THE CONTINENT

St. John's	28	23	.04
Halifax	34	31	.25
Montreal	38	28	.01
Ottawa	37	29	.02
Toronto	42	32	.03
North Bay	34	22	—
Churchill	—	—	—
The Pas	—	—	—
Alert	—	—	—
Cmbrdg B	—	—	—
Resolute B	—	—	—
Eureka	—	—	—
Isachsen	—	—	—
Thunder Bay	33	19	—
Pr. Rupert	45	40	1.00
Pr. George	23	20	.23
Kamloops	25	20	.02
Vancouver	37	32	—
Lethbridge	17	9	—
Medicine H	13	0	—
Vermilion	16	7	—
Edmonton	23	6	.01
Jasper	15	—	—
Banff	14	8	—
Coronation	13	0	—
Calgary	25	16	—
Pr. Albert	17	3	—
N. Battleford	16	8	—
Saskatoon	18	1	.01
S. Current	14	2	.03
Yorkton	17	1	—
Moose Jaw	16	7	—
Thompson	12	—	—
North Bay	32	22	—
Regina	16	6	—
Estevan	17	4	—
Brandon	17	2	—
Winnipeg	20	—	.02
Kenora	22	19	.13
Thunder Bay	13	—	—
Dauphin	16	2	.01
White River	27	14	—
Quebec	28	21	.19
Charlottetown	51	21	.30

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U.S. Temperatures: Anchorage 33, 29; Detroit 41, 30; Honolulu 83, 71; Chicago 42, 33; Minneapolis 27, 13; New York 47, 45; Miami 75, 70; Boston 43, 41; Washington 56, 41; Los Angeles 57, 37; San Diego 59, 39; San Francisco 53, 46; Denver 57, 8; Las Vegas 45, 33; Phoenix 53, 29.

World Temperatures:
Athens 59, 45; Rome 48, 32; Paris 50, 45; London 55, 46; Berlin 46, 34; Amsterdam 48, 37; Brussels 52, 36; Madrid 43, 39; Moscow 36, 34; Stockholm 45, 39; Tokyo 54, 37; Hong Kong 73, 63; Singapore 86, 73.

CITY'S WEATHER RECORD

Sunshine Dec.	42.5 hrs.
Last Dec.	33.4 hrs.
Normal (30 Years)	45.5 hrs.
Sunshine, 1974	2204.1 hrs.
Last Year	2261.5 hrs.
Normal (30 Years)	2175.1 hrs.
Precipitation Dec.	3.76 ins.
Last Dec.	2.93 ins.
Normal (30 Years)	3.52 ins.
Precipitation, 1974	25.11 ins.
Last Year	16.93 ins.
Normal (30 Years)	24.95 ins.

SUNRISE, SUNSET DEC. 25

(Pacific Standard Time)

Sunrise	8:05	Sunset	16:23
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TIDES AT VICTORIA HARBOR

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H.M.	FT.	H.M.	FT.	H.M.	FT.	H.M.	FT.
24 09:25	9.18	25 01:20	3.0	26 09:40	9.18	27 01:20	3.0
25 10:21	9.18	26 02:20	1.5	27 10:21	9.18	28 02:20	1.5
26 11:20	9.18	27 03:20	0.9	28 11:20	9.18	29 03:20	0.9
27 12:20	9.18	28 04:20	0.3	29 12:20	9.18	30 04:20	0.3
28 13:20	9.18	29 05:20	0.3	30 13:20	9.18	31 05:20	0.3
29 14:20	9.18	30 06:20	0.3	31 14:20	9.18	1 06:20	0.3
30 15:20	9.18	1 07:20	0.3	1 16:20	9.18	2 07:20	0.3

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOR

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TIDES AT SOOKE HARBOR

Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
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Weekend Thieves Hunted

Police are searching for the thieves who stole \$20,000 in cash, goods and a cheque in two weekend Greater Victoria break-ins.

Victoria police said a cheque for \$19,000 from UVic to the Victoria Conservatory of Music was stolen during a break-in overnight Saturday from Craigdarroch Castle. A stop payment was put on the cheque as soon as banks opened Monday.

About \$100 in cash and stamps worth \$10 were also stolen from the registrar's office.

In Sidney, about \$900 worth of liquor was stolen overnight Sunday from a locked refrigerator at the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans building on Fourth Avenue. RCMP said entry was gained by breaking a washroom window.

Mine Protest Swells

Miners thrown out of work by the closure of Jordan River Mine today gathered in a biting wind on the Legislative Buildings steps to make a Christmas Eve appeal to Premier Barrett.

Local 1012 president Ken Levy, of United Steelworkers union, said the men have no money and were hoping the provincial government could give them temporary relief until they get back wages from the official receiver.

The premier's office said the miners did not have an appointment to see Barrett today.

Levy has been standing vigil on the steps for the past week and was joined this morning by a dozen other miners, expected to swell to 30 by noon.

He said the demonstration would be lifted for Christmas and Boxing Day and resume after the holiday.

The men have not been paid since Nov. 23, Levy said. Some were getting welfare but none had yet received unemployment insurance for which they are qualified. He

said the first cheques were not expected until the first week of January.

Meanwhile, Levy said, promises of help from Canada Manpower had not materialized. He said men were told they could get money to go looking elsewhere for mining jobs and to move themselves and their families to a new job.

But when they went to get this aid they were told funds had been cut off for two weeks and would not be restored until after the new year. Levy said "I don't see why we can't get the back pay out of the (provincial government) reserve until the receiver gets funds. The men have nothing before Christmas."

Steelworkers International union is not helping the local

financially, said Levy, because the International supported mining legislation brought in by B.C. but the local opposed it.

Restrictive legislation is blamed by the mine owner for closure of the copper-producing property.

AD CORRECTION

for the
METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Nativity Pageant will be held on Dec. 24th at 11 p.m. not 11 a.m.

HOLIDAY PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

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MARIJUANA MARTY NABBED BY NARCS

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — Marty the Mouse passed up cheese, peanut butter and a pretty Minnie, but his taste for marijuana finally tripped him up.

The San Jose Police department failed to snare the varmint who was nibbling away in the narcotics division evidence room until they used the weed itself as bait in a box trap.

Some time between Saturday night and Monday morning, Marty fell for the marijuana seeds placed in the trap, officers said.

He was transferred to a holding cage and a booking sheet was used to charge him with possession of marijuana, use of narcotics and destruction of evidence.

Now Marty will compensate for those months of stealth by contributing to science.

Dr. Ronald Siegel of UCLA's centre for health sciences wants to study Marty, who "appears to show the effects of the narcotics he's been eating," said Sgt. Aubrey Parrott, who observed, "he's strung out."



MARTY . . . and captors

Bethlehem Tension ... But Room At the Inn

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FULL
WAR
ALERT

Times News Services

High-flying Israeli planes sent sonic booms crashing over Beirut today and the armies of Egypt, Syria and Lebanon were reported on maximum alert against the possibility of a large-scale Israeli attack during the Muslim and Christian holidays.

Lebanese premier Rashid Solh said Lebanese forces were placed on alert following reports "from various sources indicating the possibility of a large-scale Israeli aggression at any hour."

Olive farmers along the Israeli border reported an unusually large number of ground patrols on the other side of the fence.

Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon also were placed on the alert after the Palestinian guerrilla command reported Israeli naval movements off the coast.

Reports from Damascus said the Syrian government had declared a "maximum alert."

The Beirut newspaper l'Orient-le Jour reported leaves for all officers and soldiers were cancelled for the holiday season, and there had been a partial call-up of reserves.

Tension on the Syrian-Israeli border has been high since the beginning of December. The Syrian government has said it believes Israel will start a fifth Arab-Israeli war by attacking Syrian forces along the Golan Heights, possibly with a flanking move through southern Lebanon.

Times News Services

BETHLEHEM — Church bells, prayers and tight security marked Christmas Eve today in the birthplace of Christ as Israeli troops checked every person entering the town in an effort to prevent Arab terrorism.

The army put up roadblocks on every route into hilltop Bethlehem, and from 6:30 a.m. today until 5 a.m. Christmas morning was admitting only pilgrims and tourists carrying passes from the Israeli government.

Armed soldiers patrolled outside the Church of the Nativity, built by the Crusaders on the site which tradition says was the location of the manger in which Jesus was born.

A dozen bright-colored search booths stood nearby in the garden of the Palace Hotel, where worshippers at the annual midnight mass were to be checked for guns or explosives.

The Arab mayor of Bethlehem and local Arab merchants complained that this security precautions reduced the number of tourists and were not necessary.

The Israeli ministry of tourism predicted 15,000 holiday visitors for Bethlehem, but few were in town on Monday. Souvenir shops — including the mayor's — were doing little business.

"I have 60 beds but only 15 of them are booked," said the reception clerk at the Palace Hotel.

Security has been tight every Christmas since Israel captured Arab Bethlehem from Jordan in the 1967 war. But it was intensified this year after a grenade attack Sunday in East Jerusalem wounded a girl in a party of Florida Baptists had a warning from the Palestine Liberation Organization PLO that more tourists might be attacked.

Mayor Elias Freij, a Jordanian citizen, said the guerrilla threat was meaningless "because the Arab-Moslem and Christian — respect Christmas."

"No Arab in this area would ever do anything to spoil Christmas."

Gold Still Near Record

BRUSSELS (UPI) — Gold held close to its record high today in anticipation of an American rush to buy it when the ban on private ownership is lifted Jan. 1.

It closed on the London market at \$192.50 an ounce, down 50 cents from Monday's all-time high figure but \$12.75 more than on Dec. 16.

In Zurich, it closed at \$192.75 an ounce, down 50 cents from Monday but \$12 more than on Dec. 16.

A New Year Wipe-out For Crash Surcharge

Victoria car body shops voted Monday night to end the surcharge for work under Autopian effective Jan. 1.

A total of 26 members of the Victoria branch of the Automotive Retailers Association voted 15-11 to accept a compromise plan developed by the Vancouver branch.

Victoria auto body ARA chairman Denis Butner resigned in protest after the vote was announced.

Under the plan approved

Monday night, Victoria body shops will accept an offer from the Insurance Corporation of B.C. for a fee increase of \$15.50 an hour effective Jan. 1 and will end their surcharge on that date. They are now levying a minimum surcharge of \$2 an hour on motorists on the basic work rate of \$14 an hour effective until the end of December.

However, the body shops in Victoria, and Vancouver, have voted against signing

contracts with ICBC, which would bind them to the new rates until July 1.

The body shops say they will accept the ICBC offer, with minor amendments, but will seek a higher rate on April 1 when new wage contracts come into effect.

(The Victoria wage contracts take effect May 1 but an April 1 date was set to conform with the Vancouver situation.)

Butner said the surcharges

could return in Victoria in April unless the ICBC rates are increased at that time.

Butner vigorously opposed the compromise plan at a meeting at Cornell Motors Monday night but did not announce his resignation at the meeting.

"I have decided to resign and turn the chairmanship over to someone else. I am very, very disappointed that this proposal passed. We worked long and hard to get a better deal and we accomplished a lot. I think this proposal was unnecessary."

The new rates which take effect Jan. 1 are \$15.50 plus \$2.85 an hour for work on body materials and \$15.50 plus \$4.30 an hour for work with paint materials.

The body shops plan to charge for time involved in bolting on parts, which was not part of the ICBC offer. The issue will be sorted out in further discussions with ICBC.

ICBC has refused to negotiate with the Automotive Retailers Association but is discussing the issues with body shops on an individual basis.

Outside Victoria and Vancouver, the majority of body shops are signing contracts binding them to the new rates until July 1, a spokesman for the insurance corporation said.

Truant Ship in Harbor

A 620-foot South Korean fishing vessel is tied up in Victoria Inner Harbor after being suspected of illegally fishing in an exclusive Canadian zone.

The 180-ton longliner Don Won 707 was arrested Sunday by the fisheries patrol vessel Laurier, who escorted her into Victoria today, having put a two-man boarding party aboard the truant ship.

Fisheries official Reg McIndoe of Vancouver said the federal department of justice would be laying two charges

against the ship's captain, Kil Jun Yu, on Friday.

The charges of being in Canadian fishing waters and fishing in those waters, could bring maximum fines of \$35,000. McIndoe said the charges will be laid under the Fisheries Act and his department will also be asking for seizure of the ship's cargo and gear.

The Don Won 707 was first spotted Thursday by an armed forces Tracker patrol aircraft from the Canadian forces Base Comox. The ship

was fishing 80 miles northwest of Cape Scott on Vancouver Island, about 4½ miles inside the Canadian zone.

Four other South Korean long-liners, capable of catching cod, flounder and halibut, were spotted outside the zone.

The fisheries department was notified, Friday's storm prevented aerial surveillance but a special patrol by an Argus aircraft from CFB Comox spotted the fishing vessel, still in the same area.

CO-OP BENEFITS BY PROJECT

A large portion of the provincial government's 259-unit Interurban-Marigold housing project will be turned over to the Pioneer Co-op Housing Association.

Housing Minister Lorne Nicholson announced Monday night that between 70 and 140 of 218 multiple-family units will go to the co-operative.

The remainder of the units will be sold as strata title.

Nicholson made the announcement following a special meeting of Saanich coun-

cil at which a bylaw was passed, giving final approval of the land-use contract between Saanich and the government's Dunhill Development Corporation Ltd.

Dunhill had set a deadline of Dec. 31 for ratification of the contract. After heated protests from Colquitz residents, Dunhill had made two last-ditch concessions — to pare down the density from 305 to 259 units and provide \$250,000 for roadwork and other services.

Nicholson said people interested in becoming co-operative members should contact Mrs. Flo Belinski of PICHA at 102-1029 Douglas. He described co-operative housing as "the most satisfactory and fulfilling way of providing good and adequate housing at a reasonable cost."

Construction on the Interurban-Marigold complex is to start in January, single-family homes in the northern corner of the development being built first.

A road through the project between Carey and Interurban is also planned.

Nicholson said about half the units will be available by the end of 1975 and the entire project should be completed in two years.

Multi-family strata-title units will be made available with 99-year or monthly leases on the land.

Also available will be \$30,000 leasehold mortgages, interest rates ranging between 10 and five per cent.

capital scene

The B.C. branch of the Hong Kong Veteran's Association will hold its annual memorial service Christmas Day at 3 p.m., at the Cenotaph in front of the Legislative Buildings.

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The Durable Idea

Few people feel inclined to read editorials on Christmas Eve, so the writers of same often run a chunk of scripture or some clichés from season's past and get on with enjoying their own Christmas. Perhaps that is the only sane way to deal with an occasion on which no consensus of celebration exists anywhere. In North America, a visitor from outer space would get the impression that Christmas described a vast orgy of consumption — the economy's annual potlatch, so to speak. Yet away from the cities' commercial hype, in Western Europe, North and South America, Christmas remains a celebration of the birth of Christ and a devout religious occasion.

The durability of the true meaning of Christmas in an era of extreme secularism is a hopeful sign as western man appears confused and lost in the technology he has wrought. Art, music and literature, as if searching for a new philosopher's stone, moves in ever widening frantic circles looking for relevance. Almost with a life of its own, science grinds on towards some infinite point that none of us can see even with electron microscopes or radio telescopes. This may explain some of our frustration and apprehension about the future. We see no direction home.

But Christmas is the secure season for most Canadians, a time

of plenty both materially and spiritually, as we pause to remember our roots. For the non-religious the nostalgia may only extend to childhood. For the Christian it goes all the way back to Bethlehem, 1,974 years ago — a place where mankind has not found peace to this day.

Still, there is no reason for despair or cynicism. No weapon of war has yet been devised that can kill an idea. Peace and goodwill towards all is enshrined in most religious faiths and will remain in men's minds long after weapons are relics from a dark age. And each Christmas observed with charity and hope can only reinforce this idea of peace.

CIA Exposed—Again

Reports that the Central Intelligence Agency of the U.S. government spied on its own citizens and kept extensive files on 10,000 Americans — although such activity was a direct contravention of its 1947 charter, which limited the CIA to operations outside America — sound all too depressingly true.

According to the New York Times, which broke the story of the CIA's domestic cloak and dagger activity, it started after a request by the White House in 1969 for the CIA to determine whether foreign governments were aiding anti-Vietnam war groups and black activists.

It's something that appears strictly in character for the paranoid Nixon regime, less than a year in office, to immediately suspect foreign agents of fomenting the United States' domestic troubles. Out of the same mentality grew the multi-headed scandal that eventually ousted Richard Milhous Nixon from the American presidency.

The original Watergate burglars — ex-CIA employees most of them — believed, and still believe,

that the reason for their break-in at the Democratic party's national headquarters was to obtain evidence of what they believed to be fact — that Fidel Castro was sending money to the Democrats.

They also burgled the Los Angeles office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist because they were told by higher-ups that they were certain to find evidence that Ellsberg had passed national secrets to the Russians, stuff too hot even for the famous Pentagon Papers which he released to the press.

Compiling dossiers on U.S. citizens is also completely in character for the CIA, although it had its knuckles rapped hard only a few years before when Ramparts magazine exposed its subversion of all sorts of domestic and foreign agencies. It was found to be funding organs as varied as the National Student Association in the U.S. and paying the bills of the U.K.-published intellectual monthly Encounter for a time.

There's not much evidence that anything is going to change after this current expose either, although American President Gerald

Ford promises piously "under no circumstances" will the CIA spy on U.S. citizens under his administration. He's still got the Army, which Nixon had spying on assorted radicals, and the FBI and varied other spy establishments.

This sort of thing is inevitable, given the fertile conditions which exist in the U.S. — a huge top-secret intelligence group, with a secret budget numbering in the billions and no effective way of making it accountable for its actions — the outcome is predictable.

We hope Americans will excuse foreigners for taking such a fatalistic I-told-you-so attitude. It's just that the irony is too glaring to avoid — apparently it's just peachy for the CIA to do whatever it likes in the rest of the world, but as soon as it dares to spy on a few Americans and collect information on them, it's treacherous. Ford must think so — he had little criticism of the CIA when its successful efforts at "destabilizing" the government of Chile were exposed a few months back. His chickens are coming home to roost.

NORMAN GIDNEY

Merry Xmas From All Over

We get letters, dozens of letters. At this time of year, we get lots of Christmas cards too—from politicians, police departments, different associations whose doings appear in these pages through the year, and a few unclassifiable odd ones.

A very nice card from H. Suremelozlu and the Turkish tourism and information office in New York city, showing detail from the cover of a divan. Yellow silk with an intricate embroidered design — it's in the Topkapı museum in Istanbul. (That's right, the same museum which featured in the jewel theft movie of the same name.)

A simple but elegant one tied with a green and white ribbon from P. A. Alola-

ribbons—gold and navy blue—holding together a front page featuring a gold-embossed coat of arms (did you know Esquimaux's motto was Es Whoy Malth?) and an inside printed message from mayor and aldermen wishing Season's Greetings.

Central Saanich sent out a simpler affair, with its coat of arms on the front as well—a curious arrangement of a cornucopia with fruit pouring out, a shield with blue and white wavy lines, two fish, a daffodil, wild rose and a totem pole. A subtle message to taxpayers, who will get their assessment notices early in the new year—prominent on the card is Central Saanich's motto, Land of Plenty.

Saanich's card is an ordinary one, green foil with fuzz on it wishing Merry Christmas in gold from Mayor Ed Lum and aldermen.

The city of Victoria reached back 45 years for its yule greeting. On the front is a 1929 photograph of the legislative buildings taken from the doors of the custom building. In warm sepia tones, at first glance it appears to be a picture of St. Paul's cathedral in London.

It hasn't got much to do with Christmas, but it's a beautiful photo. And everyone's favorite mayor, Peter Pollen, actually signed the card, unlike most of the others from civic and provincial politicians.

Three cards from B.C. cabinet ministers, all attractive and tasteful UNICEF offerings. Premier Dave Barrett sent one featuring an Emily Carr painting called Forest-Landscape II, all swirling branches and foliage. An apt representation of the topsy-turvy state of the forest industry, perhaps?

(The B.C. Forest Service, naturally, used a tree motif in its simple black and white card—a close-up photograph of a cedar twig.)

From Attorney-General Alex Macdonald, no slouch at stick-handling in the legislature, came a seasonal card showing a solitary hockey player closing in on goal at a frosty outdoor rink in Quebec. Economic Development Minister Gary Lauk mailed an English scene—snow falling outside the open stable door where animals and poor Englishmen gathered, a stone's throw from the warm glow of a comfortable inn.

And the opposition also remembered

us. Social Credit leader Bill Bennett says inside a card with a color photograph of a snowy forest and mountain scene: "May every happiness be yours at this loveliest of seasons." We know what happiness he would like for Christmas.

Our federal representatives have not neglected us. Allan McKinnon sent a card with an etching of the parliament buildings in green and white, coincidentally the color of cash. We know what

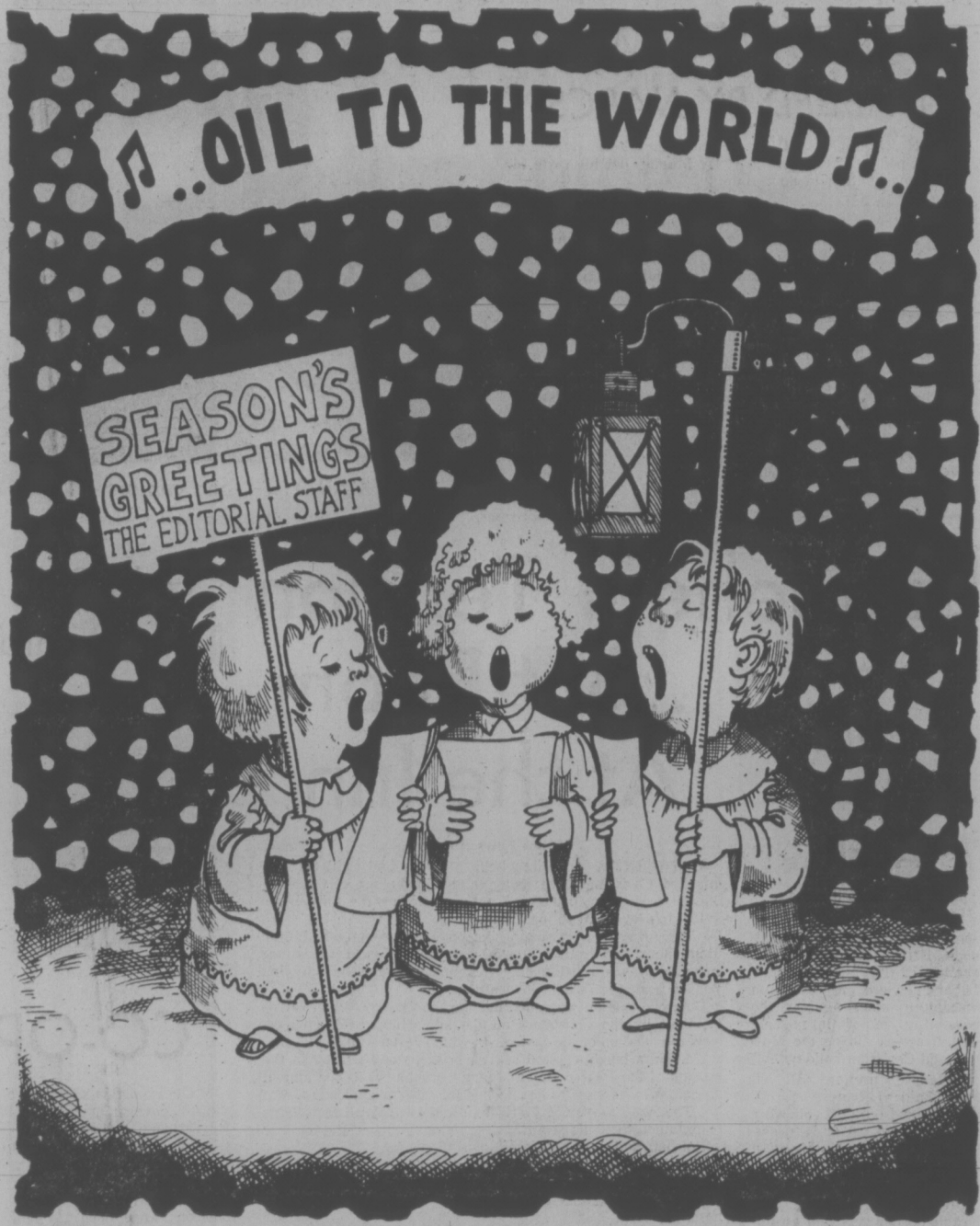


Barrett's card

members of parliament want for Christmas.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police in E division wish all a Merry Christmas with a card bearing their coat of arms and motto: Maintiens Le Droit. Inside, it bears a color photograph of every policeman's dream of Christmas present—a wide, open highway with not a single car or drunk driver to clutter it up and crash into each other.

Finally, the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association sent appropriate greetings. A lamb lying down with a lion on the front and the message: "Peace and brotherhood... the hope of all mankind." Wonder if Peter Bunn and the Greater Victoria School Board got the same one?



letters

Christmas Caution

Today while driving downtown I decided that I didn't want to be the victim of somebody else's bad driving, nor did I want someone to be the victim of mine. I'm not a bad driver but certain external forces affect all of us at times.

Perhaps it is only because of the publicity about drinking and driving, at this time of year, that I have decided to limit my alcohol intake to one or two glasses of wine with a meal, but I don't think so. There are at least three other reasons. Firstly, I honestly believe our capacity for alcohol is a lot less than any of us realize. Secondly, since we still have trouble accepting the positiveness of this season we all tend to be a bit depressed and thus tend to do things that make us more depressed: eating too much, drinking too much and getting too tired. And the last reason is one of double standards. I just don't think I can tell anyone else to limit themselves on anything unless I too am doing it.

Instead of saying, make the one for the road coffee why not say make the one for me coffee. The road is just a thing, I'm a person. — Betty Morrison, 350 Douglas Street.

Working Mothers

Once again the Christmas season is here and we are asked to contribute to various charities for those less fortunate than ourselves. Every class at Esquimalt Senior Secondary School is preparing a hamper for some family on welfare.

There is, however, one group that you never hear about. These are the working mothers trying desperately to raise a family on a woman's wage. These are the women whose ex-husbands have skipped the province and therefore the jurisdiction of the family court. Foolishly proud they continue to contribute to "worthwhile charities" and face every Christmas with a greater depression than the last one knowing that they can't really afford Christmas, that the badly needed trip to the dentist will have to be put off for another couple of months and hoping the children can make it to spring without needing any more clothes. — One of Many.

Pt. Ellice House

Perhaps now, thinking people in this province will be more careful in the use of their franchise, being armed with the knowledge that our government has just procured, at a price tag of half a million tax dollars, an ancient and creaking fire-trap crowded with a mediocre accumulation of musty old junk.

Half a million dollars. Unfortunately it seems to have become acceptable by common usage to insult the intelligence of our tourist visitors but to add to the burden of our citizens in order to do it is something else again. It may well be that there's a sucker born every minute but it is also true that you can't fool all of the people all of the time. What will be left when the circus is over? — Outraged.

Pet Responsibilities

It is advisable for the giver of pets to consider the problems involved for the recipient, and to make sure the pet really is wanted, as considerable responsi-

bility goes along with it, including future expenses.

Dogs and cats require time and care, correct feeding, inoculations and also neutering to prevent unwanted offspring. Dogs also require exercising and licensing. These things should be considered when giving a cat or dog to a person on a limited budget or one who is unwilling to assume such responsibilities.

A small puppy or kitten is not the best gift for a small child. In the excitement of Christmas it is likely to be handled too much, becoming confused, injured or lost, thus causing tragedy instead of joy. Far better to give an imitation animal to the younger members of the family, with no responsibility attached.

Too many lost or unwanted animals are found each year wandering the streets when the Christmas season is over. — Helen M. Kerswell, Greater Victoria Animals' Crusaders, 548 Niagara Street.

Greed Is Restraint

When George Orwell wrote his prophetic novel, 1984, one of the most chilling developments he predicted was newspeak, a procedure whereby the populace was brainwashed into accepting such slogans as War is Peace and Slavery is Freedom.

The article by Richard Gwyn, Changing the Guard in Ottawa in the Times (Dec. 17), makes me wonder if we are not nine years ahead of Orwell in the federal capital. In one place Gwyn says: "The Trudeau government is headed instead toward 'consensus', that is a voluntary agreement by everyone not to be too greedy." Further on he quotes the C.D. Howe Institute as recommending "a program of co-operative restraint, for one year or perhaps two." All this pious talk at the exact moment that our members are giving themselves a fifty percent increase!

What we need is an Orwellian slogan for Ottawa: Greed is Restraint! — John Duffie, 886 Craigflower Road.

Relevant Math

In replying to Douglas Fisher's column (Dec. 18) I must first say that I am the privileged one in 90 Canadians that he mentions — a "status" Indian. First a little story. There was once a person who fed his children pabulum and insisted that they eat pabulum the rest of their lives.

Now we do a little arithmetic: the federal public accounts for 1973-74 says that \$350 million was spent for Indian and Eskimo programs. There are 257,000 "status" Indians. This works out to about \$1,400 per Indian capita. Doug mentions \$4,000. Further, if we subtract \$21 million for administration, \$4.5 million for consultation and negotiation (?), \$650,000 for general (?) we see that the \$1,400 is reduced to about \$1,200 per Indian capita compared to \$3,413 per capita for a non-Indian (1969-70 rates in the Canadian Pocket Encyclopedia).

Poor Judd Buchanan must indeed rue the day he mentioned a billion dollar figure, because in it Judd included Indian and Eskimo Affairs, Northern Development, Conservation, Administration, General (?), etc. Well, so much for arithmetic. Must remember to persuade Doug to show me his new math. Maybe next time I'll devise a statistical pie.

Oh, the remark (or notion) that the

well-beeled Indian with a \$1,200 per capita grant jingling in his jeans also indulges in the old age pension can be laid to rest. (No pun intended). The life span of the average Indian male is 34 years, female 37, this in contrast to the non-Indian male who has an average life span of 69 and 75 for the female. There was rumor that an Indian actually claimed an old age pension for two years, but I must discount this claim because I saw no mention of the incident in Ripley's.

I could write on concerning Doug's opinions but seeing as the Times isn't paying me the usual reporter rate for comedy I must close. By the way, thanks, but no thanks for the pabulum, Doug.

Better keep an eye on Panarectic oil in Calgary, Doug. They have rights to 55 million acres compared to 14 million acres Indian reserve land. — Carl Beam, "Status Indian."

Home Childbirth

It bothers me that a battle seems to be shaping up between the Victoria General Hospital and the Royal Jubilee over the proposed consolidation of maternity services in Victoria. This is quite unnecessary. The important consideration is that the women of Victoria continue to have a choice as to the sort of maternity care they receive. I experienced family-centred maternity care at the General and wouldn't have had it any other way. If another woman prefers another sort of experience, that should be her choice.

As an alternative to consolidation, how about leaving one maternity ward open for deliveries with foreseeable complications, and opening a homelike birth-centre, with minimal emergency equipment, for deliveries which have been diagnosed as normal.

After all, hospitals are for sick people, and having a baby is not an illness. Holland has one of the lowest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world, and yet all normal deliveries there are carried out at home, with the aid of a nurse-midwife. And if the government is concerned about the high cost of childbirth, one solution would be to get normal deliveries out of acute care hospitals. — Tia Grove, Sooke, B.C.

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of December 24, 1914

Since the visit of the Daughters of Pitt to the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday, the whole place has been transformed and a genial atmosphere pervades corridor and ward and speaks of coming Christmas. For holly and ivy are everywhere and in each ward there is a Christmas tree which is to yield a shower of presents to everyone. The members of the order worked enthusiastically and even if it had been an ordinary housecleaning instead of a transformation such as they effected, the patients would have been glad to see such cheery visitors.

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'Spontaneous Drama Of Common Folk'

I believe it was the sociologist Hadley Cantril who observed that the declining significance of holidays was an unmistakable sign of a culture's losing its coherence. More than anything else, the celebration of holidays is an index of conviviality, from the Latin convivium, "a living together." While Christmas literally drives us into one another's arms at department store counters, this could hardly be called convivial.

Some of us have grown too sophisticated to go on embracing the metaphors that used to make us happy. Science and technology have induced us to exchange our spontaneous myths for their mechanical ones. The computer is our new Santa Claus and it is no longer possible to tell whether Christmas is being sustained or destroyed by the commercial exploitation that now characterizes it.

"The Glory and Pageantry

By ANATOLE BROUARD

of Christmas," by the editors of Time-Life Books, is a spirited and resourceful presentation of the history and symbolism of Christmas. Without unduly straining the relics of our piety, the authors trace the religious origins and secular elaboration of our most famous holiday. I like the quotation from Dr. Earl Count that they use to define Christmas: "A spontaneous drama of the common folk, a prayer, a hymn. All the while that Raphael was painting the Sistine Madonna, Frenchmen building the Cathedral of Chartres, English bishops composing the Book of Common Prayer, Handel his 'Messiah,' Bach his B-Minor Mass, the common people out of whom these geniuses sprang, were composing Christmas."

Part One of "The Glory and

Pageantry of Christmas" interprets the religious foundations on which Christmas was built. These pages are handsomely illustrated with paintings from early masters and the editors' comments on the iconology of these works strike a nice balance between respect and scholarly realism. I was particularly interested in the way the majority of people, instead of identifying with the humble origins of Christ and the Virgin Mary, continually pushed them in the direction of royalty, until Jesus' manger had metamorphosed into a kind of throne-room.

Over the centuries, Mary evolved from the humble wife of Joseph, startled by the angel in the midst of her domestic duties, to a composed and elegantly dressed young woman insouciantly reading a book.

In Part Two, we find the church accepting the pagan

rites of their flock as a practical expedient for keeping them happy in a rather ascetic faith. Because on Dec. 25 the days begin to lengthen again, Christmas is seen as the birth of light.

By the 12th century, Christmas is accompanied by the exchange of gifts. Henry III received a live elephant. For a while, Christmas took on a

markedly boisterous tone, under the direction of the Lord of Misrule, the Boy Bishop, and the celebration of the Feast of Fools. In the 14th century, folk songs or Christmas carols, began to compete with the Latin hymns of the church. The 16th century saw the first decorated Christmas tree.

While Cromwell ruled Eng-

land, Christmas was forbidden as a frivolous profanation, and fasting was forcibly substituted for feasting. The Puritans of New England imposed a fee of five shillings on anyone observing Christmas in the traditionally jolly way. In our century, the Soviet Union too abolished Christmas and then thought better of it.

"The Glory and Pageantry of Christmas" supplements its satisfying text and illustrations with an anthology of Christmas poems, songs and stories from various ages. Originally based on a 4th century bishop in Asia Minor — beloved for allegedly rescuing sailors in distress and providing dowries for marriageable maidens — Saint Nicho-

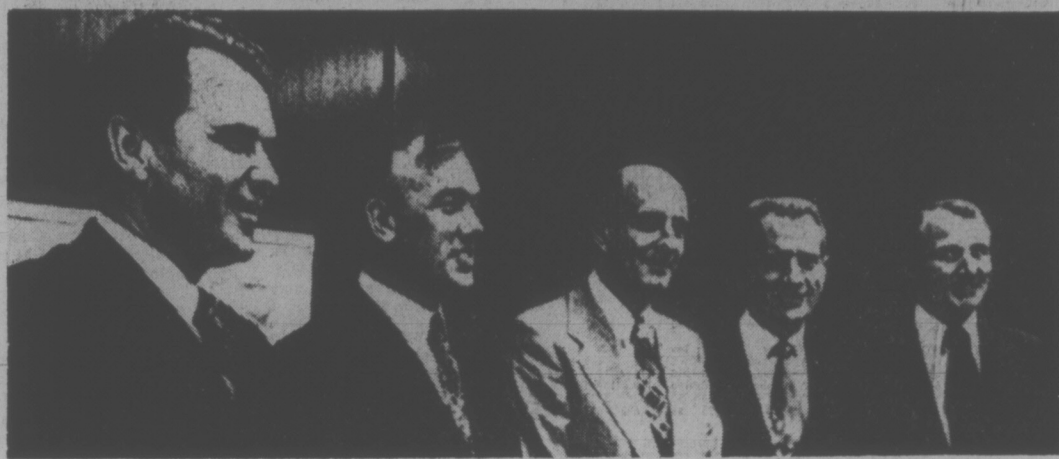
las was at first a stern judge of boys' behavior. It took him 15 centuries to mellow into his present benevolence.

It would not be irreverent to say that the idea of Christmas is the most complex toy that Western civilization has ever given itself. Under the spell of "The Glory and Pageantry of Christmas," I suggest we accept it.

New York Times



'The most complex toy western civilization has given itself'



They'll fly together: Soviet Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shatalov; Cosmonaut Aleksey S. Yeliseyev, and U.S.

astronauts Thomas P. Stafford, Vance D. Brand and Donald K. Slayton.

Living Together in Space

Something is about to happen to the demonology on which millions of Russians and millions of Americans have been reared. In July, 1975, a joint Russo-American station will be in operation in space. Two great nations which have sometimes found it difficult to live together on earth will be living together in the far blue yonder. Their shared space in space will be manned, in effect, by a composite human being: a Russo-American hybrid of a particularly companionable sort.

It will be a very curious moment for a world which has been conditioned to think of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as baroque giants who stare one another down unblinkingly, each with his thunderbolt at the ready.

Generations to come may hear of these giants, and may perhaps marvel at their musculature; but they may also regard them as a historical curiosity, like the giants who line the staircase at the Palace of the Popes in Venice. Posterity may think, in short, that the influence of nuclear power in our terrestrial affairs was as much effulgent as inflammatory, and that without it the two giants would have sat about one another in earnest.

The Apollo-Soyuz program could be construed in terms rather of convenience than of kinship. But kinship does play a part, even so, in the composite being who will soon be in orbit. It is a kinship of ambition, of climatic conditioning and of historical circumstance. What are New York and Leningrad if not twin monuments to irrationality—great cities built on terrain quite formidably unpropitious?

By JOHN RUSSELL

To keep New York alive and in motion is today nightmarish enough; to found a great city in the inhospitable marshlands of the river Neva could hardly have borne thinking of in the year 1700. Behind both adventures was a shared determination: "This thing is impossible; let's go ahead and do it."

The Russians, as much as the Americans, are formed by a climate that can be brutal and capricious. To fly eastward from Moscow and watch the enormous and serpentine rivers make their way through the unencumbered landscape is to recall only one unit of comparison, the United States.

Whole sections of Moscow and of Leningrad once were what New York is today: a place where even the most idiosyncratic of human beings can feel at home. If Alexander Herzen had gone into exile in 1947, instead of in 1847, he would have most liked to be in New York, where the compost of races and beliefs, cultural patterns and ritualized pursuances, is as rich as it ever was in Europe.

There are other points of likeness. Russian self-awareness, like American self-awareness, owes much to the encyclopaedic tradition that crossed all frontiers in the 18th century. It is just as easy to imagine Lomonosov, the father of Russian science, in residence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as it is to imagine Thomas Jefferson keeping abreast of the state of natural history in Russia. In the one country, as in the other, self-awareness was further fortified in the 19th century by

great writers who regarded the novel as the highest form of literature. Cross-pollination was sometimes direct—Henry James and Turgenev knew one another well—and sometimes not: at this distance in time "Huckleberry Finn" and "Anna Karenina" manifest the same unhurrying, all-comprehending humanity.

In architectural terms, the kinship can be almost hallucinatory. Had L'Enfant's plans for Washington been carried through as he presented them in 1791, the American capital would have been precisely that majestic geometry, that sense of plumb lines drawn taught across a background of unsurpassed magnificence, which strike the visitor to Leningrad.

Ideally, of course, the new composite human being would have qualities not usual among professional astronauts. As the representative of the two countries, of the earth's human population, he should for instance have that epic sense of human absurdity that was the mark of Nikolai Gogol. If the music of the spheres is at least to be got down on paper, the composer should have in him something of that immunity to ridicule that distinguished the genius of Charles Ives.

Ives and Gogol might not be of much use to the space station if things went awry; but to those of us who stay below they would bring an invaluable irregularity. Without them, the mix would be too bland, the fraternity too exclusive. Something, of mischief, and something of that imaginative energy that discounts all calculation, should be fed into the computer.

New York Times

Who Will Tell Mom?

By GARY LAUTENS

We have one person at our house who still believes in Santa Claus — my wife.

As you can imagine, this causes some problems, especially with our children who are 10, 12, and 14, and past that stage.

A couple of evenings ago, for example, my wife announced she'd like to go downtown and look at the Christmas windows in Simpsons and Eaton's.

"Do we hafta?" Richard (our youngest) asked. "It will be great fun," my wife insisted. "I hear they have a skipping bear and a kangaroo that plays the drums."

"Afterwards, we can all go up to Toytown and see Santa in his igloo. Maybe we can even get our picture taken on his lap."

"Mom, you know there's no . . ."

"Jane began. "Jane!" I interrupted before my daughter broke her mother's heart. "That will be enough of that."

"If your mother wants to see Santa, we'll see Santa. Now get your coats."

"I hate crowds," Stephen, who is in second-year high school and very sophisticated, muttered. "Can't Mom see Santa alone this year?"

"No," I responded. "What are you asking Santa for this year?" my wife asked Jane.

Jane shot her mother a scornful look.

"Go ahead," I told my mother. "and remember, I'm listening."

Jane sighed and said, "I'd like nail polish, some records and pantyhose. Okay?"

"Well, if you're very, very good I'm sure Santa will try his best. You know he's a jolly old fellow and he'd like to make you happy but his sleigh is only so big," my wife explained.

"I think I'm going to throw up," Stephen whispered in my ear. "Richard, have you been a good boy this year?" my wife wanted to know.

"Yes," Richard replied, after a nudge in the back from me.

"What are you going to leave out for Santa this year — cookies and milk?"

"Oh, Mom?"

"Answer your mother," I suggested, holding Richard by the ear and twisting it just a little.

"Yes, — cookies and milk," he agreed finally.

"Don't forget to tell Santa where we hang our stockings — in the family room on the mantel," my wife reminded everyone. "And ask about his reindeer. Santa likes that."

And off we went, my wife leading the way.

"Dad," said Stephen, hanging back, "why don't you tell Mom?"

"Maybe next year," I answered. "Maybe next year."

Toronto Star

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Dear Santa and Ms. Claus:

I've been cleaning out the closets, friends, and the disasters of Christmas past have surfaced. In this winter of distress, let me be blunt. I will brick up the chimney and seal off the fire escape, not to mention choking off the postman and the parcelperson, if you or the elves-de-camp do another go-around on any of these.

For instance, here is the wine-bottle recycling kit you added to our menage a year ago. The bill for repair to my lower lip is not included, but your friends over at the tax department will find it on my tax return. The destruction of several valuable rasps and fingers is likewise not being mentioned. I will send you under separate cover the one "wine glass" we managed to create after hours of effort. You can put it on the mantel with flowers in it, but don't try to drink from it. Items: One electric chafing dish, bashed in, and three electric trivets. Santa, old megawatt, you've got to get it straight about those electric outlets of which you are so inordinately fond: we do not have one on the dining room table. The cord has to run from the wall plug, and I must say it was lucky Alice the cat wasn't scalded when she hit that cord at 35 m.p.h. with Eugene le Tigre in pursuit.

The unfortunate-looking package enclosed in a box of now-ossified processed cheese from a pseudo-Finnish chalet in western Missouri. We simply could not figure out how to peel the cellophane and wax off those little red cubes. Charlie thought it was all cheese, but I remain in doubt.

I am returning the eye-dropper for adding vermouth to martinis, likewise the set of "martini stones" and the vermouth spray

can. The cumulative effect of years of these gadgets has been to turn you-know-who to drinking straight gin, since he proclaims such gifts the uncutelest things he's ever seen. I have turned against the hobbification of alcoholism.

The all-red jigsaw puzzle you will surely want to give to a shut-in with a super-stable personality. By May, we needed the dining table back.

The wine-making kit must go. The balloon was chewed by the cat, but you may be able to do something with the gallon jug of moldy grape juice.

Wrapped up securely in the corner is that Christmas souvenir plate: "Home for Christmas." Fortunately, we noticed on the back the notice saying "eating off this plate may be hazardous to your health" before we tried to use it.

We have compiled for you a lifetime collection of all those board games with names like Diplomacy, Influence, Acquire, Treachery, Go For Broke, Blitzkrieg and Stonewall that bring on Christmas afternoon paranoia by pitting brother against brother and parent against child in efforts to deceive.

On general principles, I'd like you to take back the "gourmet spice rack in decorator colors." Ms. Claus, if you would, please tell the copy department: nothing more labeled "gourmet" anything. And cut out the "decorator" colors, too, because I don't know what they are.

And that ant farm. It's by the door, minus ants.

Last but not least, the imitation leopard fur toilet seat cushion. I do not choose to discuss that matter at all.

Curmudgeonly regards, Betsy Wade

The Great Turkey Cut-Up

How to carve a turkey:

Assemble the following tools: carving knife, stone for sharpening carving knife, hot water, soap, wash cloth, two bath towels, barbell, meat cleaver.

If the house lacks a meat cleaver, an ax may be substituted. If it is, add bandages, sutures and iodine to above list.

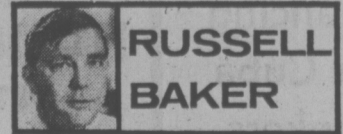
Begin by moving the turkey from roasting pan to a suitable carving area. This is done by inserting the carving knife into the posterior stuffed-area of the turkey and the knife-sharpening stone into the stuffed area under the neck.

Thus skewered, the turkey may be lifted out of the hot grease with relative safety. Should the turkey drop to the floor, however, remove the knife and stone, roll the turkey gingerly into the two bath towels, wrap them several times around it and place the encephaloid fowl to the carving place.

You are now ready to begin carving. Sharpen the knife on the stone and insert it where the thigh joins the torso. If you do this correctly, which is improbable, the knife will almost immediately encounter a barrier of bone and gristle.

This may very well be the joint. It could, however, be your thumb. If not, execute a vigorous sawing motion until satisfied that the knife has been defeated.

Withdraw the knife and ask someone nearby, in as testy a manner as possible, why the knives at your house are not kept in better carving condition.



RUSSELL BAKER

Exercise the biceps and forearms by lifting barbells until they are strong enough for you to tackle the leg joint with bare hands.

Wrapping one hand firmly around the thigh, seize the turkey's torso in the other and scream. Run cold water over hands to relieve pain of burns.

Now, take a bath towel in each hand and repeat the same manoeuvre. The entire leg should snap away from the chassis with a distinct crack, and the rest of the turkey, obedient to Newton's law about equal and opposite reactions, should roll in the opposite direction, which means that if you are carving at the table the turkey will probably come to rest in someone's lap.

Get the turkey out of the lap with as little fuss as possible, and concentrate on the leg. Use the meat cleaver to sever the sinewy leather which binds the thigh to the drumstick.

If using the alternate, ax method, this operation should be performed on a cement walk outside the house in order to preserve the table.

Repeat the above operation on the turkey's uncarved side. You now have two thighs and two drumsticks. Using

the wash cloth, soap and hot water, bathe thoroughly and, if possible, go to a movie.

Otherwise, look each person in the eye and say, "I don't suppose anyone wants white meat."

If compelled to carve the breast anyhow, sharpen the knife on the stone again with sufficient awkwardness to tip over the gravy bowl on the person who started the stampede for white meat.

While everyone is running about to mop the gravy off her slacks, hack at the turkey breast until it starts crumbling off the carcass in ugly chunks.

The alternative method for carving white meat is to visit around the neighborhood until you find someone who has a good carving knife and borrow it, if you find one, which is unlikely.

This method enables you to watch the football game on neighbors' television sets and also creates the possibility that somebody back at your table will grow tired of waiting and do the carving herself.

In this case, upon returning home, cast a pained stare upon the mound of chopped white meat that has been hacked out by the family carving knife and refuse to do any more carving that day. No one who cares about the artistry of carving can be expected to work upon the mutilations of an amateur, and it would be a betrayal of the carver's art to do so.

New York Times

SHOREWOOD HOUSE

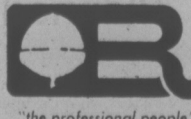


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Beit 1/2 Apr 1982	89.50	89.50	10.47
BC Sug 1/2 Apr 1981	87.00	87.00	10.89
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bill walker

"Twas the night before Christmas. Peace on earth to all men. And come ye, adore Him, the Christ Child. Amen! It's a time here for greetings, in the form of a ditty. And if it doesn't all rhyme, too bad—that's a pity.

The Cougar stockings were hung at the arena with care. In the hope that a championship soon would be there; So, on Williams! On Leslie! On Fraser! On Clarkson! And Morris! And Roberts! Lapointe! and Gustafson!

Mel Bridgman was nestled, with Ginnell in first place, While Memorial Cup visions were dancing in space; So skate, Lucas! Miaza! and Sanderson! Saar! With Peter and Hill, you all should go far.

Jack Morgan in his kerchief, and Bate in his cap, Had settled Lannarelli with Lloyd Kearns for a nap; While Mossop, and Gardler, and Gutoski, McLean, With Edd Moyes and Wilf Clarke, good ice did obtain.

Then out on ice two, Leibel made such a clatter, Taylor sprang from the back, and to Statton did natter; There's Merritt, and Duncan, and Harper, and Johnson, And Stewart, Valteau, Oud, Hughes and Harv Thomson.

With Smith, Boves and Hodge, Trueman's rink it did jell, Better than Skillings, and Browning, Walker, Okell; While Gallagher, Harvey, Ken Wark and Ken Lawler, And McKay, Dyck and Batters, and Benwell did totter.

The moon on his pate revealed Halkett, that's Bill; But it could have been Furdy, or Wallace, or still, Jack Northrup, Tom Tomkinson, Al Beasley, or even, Stan Williams, or Odeh, or Brekke, or Stephen.

Merry Christmas to All — That's You!

When what to Bate's wondering eyes did appear, But a Canadian final against the Oshawas here; With Joe Patterson coach, and the manager, Oster, And Walker, Bate, and Taffe, and Kern on the roster,

And Lancaster, Holness, Sinclair and Bill James, And Ruthowsky and Songhurst in the national games; Plus Allinotte, Underwood, Forland and Cornett, But even with Stevenson, no title did get.

More rapid than corsairs Ian's Scorpions they came, Hansen whistled and shouted, Tooby called them by name. Now Brumwell! MacKenzie! Now Morgan! Now Hall! The two Burrows brothers, Marc, Holmes and Hoshal.

Now Bishop! Now Burch! And Chapman—what's this? A name from the past Art and Chuck shouldn't miss; And the Westerners too, to Saints quite a shock, And with Coutts and that Angie, their chances don't knock.

Under Bob Bull and Jim Uhren they were Canada's best— Sharpe, Bitten and Orton—that's Esquimalt-Vic West; And Cornett, and Hafery and Carpenter, Christie, With O'Brien, Specht and Sitar, they were real nifty.

On short putts by Bill Wakeham, no trembling of knees, Cool like Billsborough, Silverberg, Trapp and Davies; And Thompson, Rands, Hunt, Ferguson, Court; And a slimmer Bill Goldsworthy—in rations gone short.

From flagfall to finish, it was Kershaw they paid, And Vatcher, and Smith, Currie, Oxley, and Wade; And Surgenor, Forsythe, Haslam, Hancock, O'Dell; The Pollards and Walkers, and Midgley's Chevelle.

The lassies they twinkled, then curled as they should; Under Ada, and Lee, and Jack Wells, and Bill Good. Then to Flora a title, with Doreen, Elsie and Judy; And a heigh-ho and a wave to Helen, Astrid and Trudy.

As I drew in my wallet, and was turning around, Down the hall came a rival, Jim Tang, with a bound; With Cooper, King Lee, Reynolds, Merriman, Reid; To share in a greeting, and true friendship indeed.

He was dressed all in fur, with whiskers to match, Hansen whistled and shouted, Tooby called them by name. With Fedoruk, Max Low, and Crerar and Lang; And Peden the chief whose praises they sang.

A bundle of goodies, Hunter had flung on his back, There was Carson, and Stephen, and McCallion, Mudrak; And Rubenstein, Summers, and Ansell, and Leith; Pattie Pitts, Daggy and Dunn, and MacKenzie—hi Keith.

Whitey's eyes how they twinkled, Stubbs dimples so merry; Dode's cheeks were like roses, Wood's nose like a cherry; Sadler's droll little mouth matched Ferguson's shame, Both bought their team sweaters — to stay, was their game.

The stump of Jack's stogie is a thing of the past, Andy's dumped all his acid and retired at last; And speaking of Halls — there's Chopper and Pat, In softball Mick and Fuller sure know where they're at.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, It was Usher, the archer, Muir and Allen, herself; And Curtis, and Carmichael, Prior and Buller, And Colegrave, and Roberts and Leatham, and Fuller.

Then there was Randall, and Buchan, the Kowalyks a pair, Terv, Boyd and Big Mac, bridge players so rare; And fellows like Jonsson, Moore, Moysey and Hill; The Andrews, Pork and Marion, and that other one, Bill.

The Bakers, the Coulters, the Stewarts, Dough Kenough; And Rankin and Vantreight, Hays, Moore and Wayne Dew; Downstairs there's Gunniss, Tierney, Cartwright, Caddell; Wally Yeamans has left us and Nute and Norris as well.

A wink of Thom's eye and a twist of Clarkson's head; Gave Burnett to know he had nothing to dread; For Ranson, and Churchill, Turner, Barsalou, Britt, With Davies, Moss and Larson, their products a bit.

They spoke not a word, did Thompson nor Dillon, To join with the pros, not all Rocks were willin'; Nor Beaulac, nor Grover, nor Sommer, nor Skip, But now there's the fear the franchise will slip.

And having their problems with libbers, no less, Are Cain, Hall and Wakelyn, in hey, what a mess? Then there were Marshall, and Keith and Lloyd Salloway, McKinnon, Brice and Gallo, Ashmore, Elcock and Day.

But, now this is done, and don't think it a sin, But there just isn't room here to include you all in. So give thanks to the Lord for the life we enjoy And a thought to the handicapped, be it girl or a boy.

Now Mooney in his jet to Innes gave the word, And with Harvey, they're off, in an orange-colored bird; But I heard them exclaim, ere they passed out of view, A Merry Christmas to All, and by all — Why, that's you!

Owners Dodge Kapp Question

NEW YORK (AP) — Dropping a live mouse in a roomful of doubters, and dropping the question of Joe Kapp to National Football League owners' accomplishments about the same thing.

They scatter in all directions. Only a handful of NFL executives are willing to guess the possible ramifications of the United States District Court suit brought in San Francisco by Kapp, a former quarterback who refused to sign a standard player contract.

Most say "no comment," refer questions to NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle for a

"no comment," or just aren't available for comment.

The ruling in the Kapp suit struck down the NFL's reserve clause, the so-called Rozelle Rule — both contained in the standard player contract and parts of the player draft.

The reserve clause binds a player to the team with which he has a contract for one year after that contract expires. The Rozelle rule says the team a free agent joins must pay compensation to the team he left, with Rozelle deciding the compensation if the teams disagree.

If there was one thing NFL officials could agree on other than "no comment," it was

that the results of the suit will be appealed. That's probably one reason why they're reluctant to offer more than a grunting reaction.

"Our only position would have to come from the league office," said Don Klosterman, vice president and general manager of Los Angeles Rams. "We are certain the case will be appealed. The league has the right to appeal, and we, as a club, would have no comment until it is ultimately decided."

Richard Gordon, a former astronaut who orbited the moon and splashed down as executive vice president of New Orleans Saints, called the ruling "a basic attack on

the structure of professional football."

"This is really a league matter and not one for the teams to deal with individually. I'd hate to have a bunch of Catfish Hunters running around — we'd really be in trouble."

George Allen, vice president, coach and general manager of Washington Redskins, said he "hated to see that decision because it won't help football — it could hurt football."

Cincinnati Bengals' coach Paul Brown also drew the allusion to baseball pitcher Jim (Catfish) Hunter who became a free agent last week.

"You have a possible illus-

tration of what could happen

in the case of the great pitcher from Oakland who is now in the open market dealing for whichever team wants to give him the most money."

"If this happens in our sport, a player can just play out his contract, say in one year, and then go to the highest bidder. It would depend on who has the most money."

"You'd find your New Yorks or your Los Angeles, or your nice climates, such as Miami, doing better than the Minnesotas or Cincinnati."

"In general, the public doesn't think of Cincinnati as such a romantic spot to play."

SPORTS MENU

RUGBY THURSDAY
1:30 p.m. — exhibition, President's vs. James Bay Athletic Association, MacDonald Park.

HOCKEY
8:15 p.m. — South Vancouver Island Junior "B" League, Saanich at Victoria, Memorial Arena.

HOCKEY FRIDAY
8 p.m. — Vancouver Island League, London Boxing Club vs. CFB Esquimalt, Esquimalt Sports Centre.
7:45 p.m. — South Vancouver Island Junior "B" League, Fuller Lake at Lake Cowichan, Lake Cowichan Arena.

CURLING
6, 8:15 and 10:30 p.m. — 14th annual Esquimalt Curling Club Christmas Mixed Bonspiel, Esquimalt Sports Centre.

BASKETBALL
10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. — 14th annual Bob Wylie Classic, Courtenay vs. Edmonston; Terrace vs. White Rock; Victoria High vs. Lake Cowichan; user game 1 vs. loser game 2, University of Victoria.
4:30 and 6:30 p.m. — Third annual UVIC Christmas Classic, University of British Columbia vs. Western Washington; University of Victoria vs. Victoria Scorpions, UVIC.

WCHL All-Stars Top Czechs; Russia Beaten, Sweden Wins

MEDICINE HAT — Both teams appeared to sacrifice finesse for chippy play as the Western Canada Hockey League All-Stars handed the Czechoslovakian junior squad a 6-1 setback in an international exhibition game marred by two unprovoked attacks by Canadians on their opponents here Monday.

Brian Sutter of Lethbridge Broncos was slapped with a two-minute minor, a five-minute major for spearing and a misconduct when he went after a Czech player with 35 seconds left in the game.

Bryan Maxwell of Medicine Hat Tigers was assessed a double minor late in the third period when he charged a Czech from behind.

Referee Joe Cassidy handed

out 10 minors to the Czechs and 12 to the All-Stars.

Blair Davidson of Flin Flon Bombers hammered in two goals to lead the All-Stars while Sutter, Brian Trotter of Lethbridge, and Dale McMullin and Rick Blight, both of Brandon Wheat Kings, chopped in single goals.

Karel Holy scored the only goal for the visitors, who held the All-Stars to a 1-1 deadlock in the first period.

The All-Stars, who beat the same team 8-2 on Sunday in Lethbridge, scored three goals on power plays before a crowd of only 1,915 fans and led 3-1 after 40 minutes.

Mel Bridgeman and Rick LaPointe of Victoria Cougars both saw action but didn't figure in the scoring or penalties.

Doug Setaert of Edmonton Oil Kings, who played the first two periods, and Larry Henrick of Calgary Centennials combined to make 19 saves while Peter Sevela of Czechoslovakia blocked 26 shots.

In other junior exhibitions Monday, Peterborough Petes, topped Russia 6-1, Gatineau Nordiques played to a 6-6 deadlock with Finland and Sweden topped Sudbury Wolves 8-4.

All of the visiting teams and the WCHL All-Stars will be competing in the round-robin world junior tournament opening Thursday in Winnipeg.

At Peterborough, Mike Fryia scored two goals and assisted on two others to pace the Ontario Hockey Association

Major Junior "A" League club.

The Petes, who lost 9-0 to the same Soviet team in last year's world tourney in Leningrad, led 3-1 before 10 minutes had elapsed.

At Gatineau, the Quebec squad needed two goals in the final three minutes to salvage the tie against the hard-skating Finnish club.

Sweden led the OHA Major Junior "A" Wolves 3-2 after the first period in Sudbury and increased the margin to 5-2 after 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, the touring Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union team scored a goal in each period to defeat Czechoslovakia's under-19 national team 3-2 in an exhibition.

Hull Retains Narrow Lead

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (CP) — Bobby Hull of Winnipeg Jets continues to hold a slim edge on the World Hockey Association scoring race in statistics released Monday.

Hull has 30 goals and 23 assists for 53 points to hold a two-point edge over Serge Bernier of Quebec Nordiques, who has 26 goals and 26 assists.

Larry Lund of Houston Aeros, with 19 goals and 30 assists, is two points back of Bernier with 49 points.

In fourth spot in the scoring race is Andre Lacroix of San Diego Mariners with 16 goals and 29 goals for 45 points.

Wayne Dillon of Toronto Toros has 15 goals and 28 assists for 43 points, followed by Ulf Nilsson of the Jets with 42 points on 11 goals and 31 assists.

Bob Whidden of Cleveland Crusaders has the league's best goals against average with a 2.31 mark, playing 649 minutes in goal and allowing 25 goals.

In second spot is Wayne Rutledge of the Aeros with a 2.95 goals against average, al-

lowing 50 goals in 1,019 minutes of play.

In the only WHA game played Monday, Cleveland Crusaders got a standout effort from goalie Whidden and tripped the Toros 4-1 in Toronto.

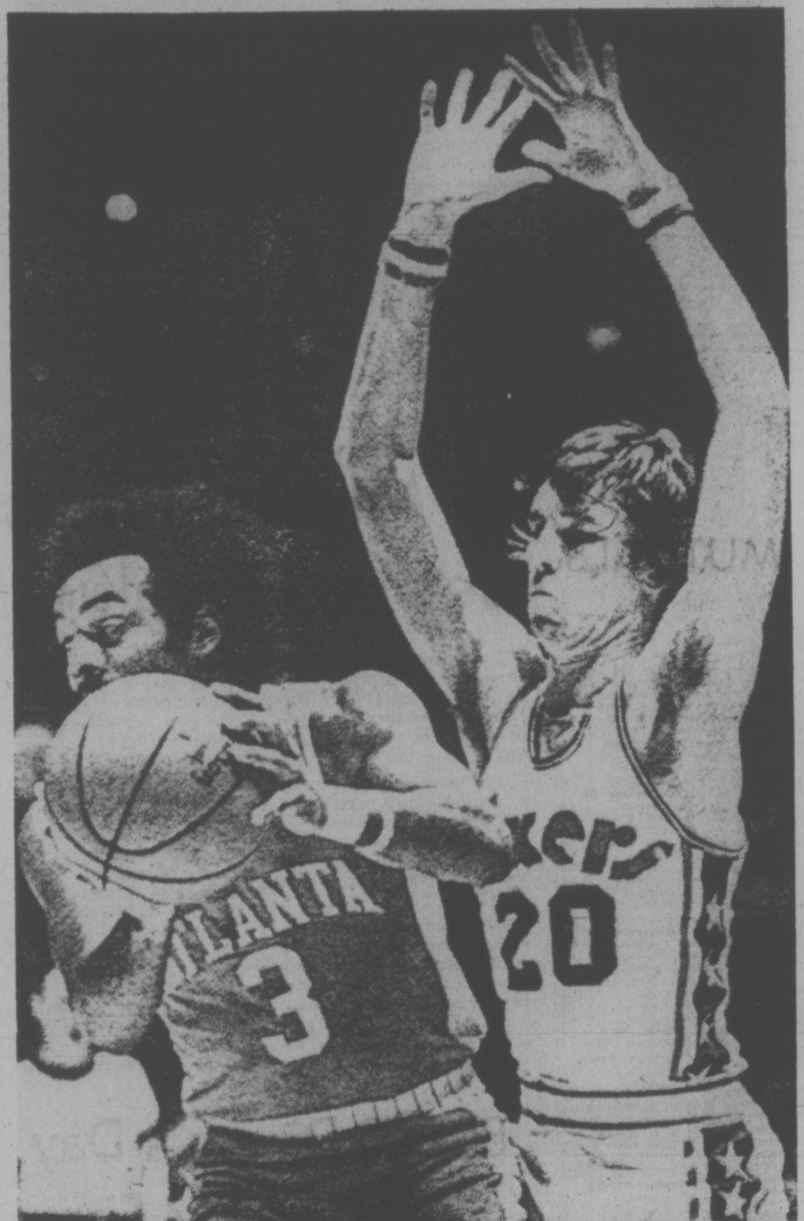
Steve Cardwell, Gerry Plinder, Grant Erickson and Skip Krake scored for Cleveland. Tom Simpson notched his 26th goal of the season for Toronto.

Scoring leaders:

	G	A	Pts.
Hull, W.	30	23	53
Bernier, S.	26	26	52
Lund, L.	19	30	49
Lacroix, S.	16	29	45
Dillon, W.	15	28	43
Nilsson, U.	11	31	42
Walton, M.	21	19	40
Hughes, H.	25	13	38
Simpson, T.	25	13	38
Hinze, H.	14	24	38
Howe, H.	16	21	37
Henderson, T.	18	18	36
Rivers, S.	21	14	34
Nedomansky, T.	19	12	33
Peacock, S.	15	18	33
Featherstone, T.	11	22	33
Pleau, N.E.	14	18	32
Tremblay, G.	15	16	31
Manovich, T.	16	14	30
Keegan, P.	12	18	30
Parizeau, G.	12	18	30
Alderson, S.D.	6	24	30

Jockey Injured

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Apprentice jockey Craig Bendoroff was reported in critical condition Monday after a spill at Garden State Park. Bendoroff suffered internal chest injuries and fractured right arm when his mount, Old Frankford, struck a rail shortly after the race began. The horse was not injured.



LOOKING for alternate route to basket is Herm Gilliam (3) of Atlanta Hawks after finding Philadelphia's Doug Collins (20) blocking path during National Basketball Association game Monday night. Collins turned in strong defensive game. The 76ers won 100-88. (AP Wirephoto)

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Harding and Head Spark Canadians

Doug Harding and Perry Head each fired two goals Monday night to lead James Bay Athletic Association Canadians out of the South Island Big Six Hockey League cellar with a 7-5 victory over Ingham Buckaroos at Memorial Arena.

Darrell Elves, Dale McLaughlin and George

Bingham added singles to the Canadians' total while Dave Pettinger, with two goals, Larry Meyers, John Williams and George Fuller replied for Buckaroos.

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Cowichan	22	22	0	170	40
Stockers	21	13	6	117	28
Chemicals	23	6	14	104	11
James Bay	22	5	15	78	11
Ingham	21	4	15	2	61

Next games: Monday — Ingham vs. Chemicals at Memorial Arena.

BART STARR TAKES OVER AS LEADER OF PACKERS

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Bart Starr, who quarterbacked Green Bay Packers to championship glory in the 1960s, was named head coach and general manager of the National Football League team today.

Starr, who retired as a player in 1972, succeeds Dan Devine, who quit Dec. 16 to become head football coach at Notre Dame, replacing Ara Parseghian.

Starr, 40, first came to the Packers in 1957 as a 17th-round draft pick out of Alabama. After two ineffective seasons, he became the team's starting quarterback late in 1959, Lombardi's first year as Green Bay's coach.

In the next eight years, the Packers won

six divisional and five league titles, and added the first two Super Bowl championships — in 1967 and 1968 — with Starr named the most valuable player each time.

Starr, who still owns the NFL career completion percentage record at 57.4 per cent, had his best season in 1966, when he completed 136 of 251 passes — 62.2 per cent — for 2,237 yards and 14 touchdowns and had only three passes intercepted.

But the next year, he was injured by blitzing linebacker Tommy Nobis of Atlanta Falcons, and that began a series of physical troubles which finally drove him out of the game.

Philly Gets a Better Mix After Wife's Tip Heeded

By The Associated Press

Mary Ellen Mix isn't the only wife in the country that wants her husband to drive. But with her it's a little different.

Monday night, Steve Mix had 26 points and 17 rebounds, helping Philadelphia 76ers to a 100-88 National Basketball Association victory over Atlanta Hawks.

Mix credits his wife for helping him come out of a

slump. "She told me, 'Why aren't you driving more?'" Mix said after the game.

It was Mix' field goal from the right corner in the first period that gave the 76ers the lead for good at 24-22 after the lead had changed hands six times.

In other NBA games, Cleveland beat New Orleans 95-79, Kansas City-Omaha defeated Chicago 97-87, Washington

beat Milwaukee 106-103 in overtime, and Golden State beat Phoenix 111-94.

In the American Basketball Association Utah beat Indiana 103-89.

Billy Cunningham added 25 points for Philadelphia.

Rick Barry scored 43 points, including 26 in the third quarter, to bring the Warriors back from a 10-point deficit against Phoenix.

Wheelers Slate Boxing Day Race

Victoria Wheelers are offering all bicycle riders a chance on Boxing Day to work off some of those extra ounces gained — through Christmas feasting in the club's final race of the year.

The 10-mile time trial begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Sooke and Happy Valley roads. The course follows Happy Valley Road and finishes on Sooke Road. Riders will start at one-minute intervals.

Wolfpack Storms Back

HOUSTON (AP) — North Carolina State rallied with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Dave Buckley and a two-point conversion by Stan Fritts for a 31-31 tie with University of Houston in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl on Monday night.

Only moments earlier, Houston had jumped to a 31-17 lead on a record 73-yard touchdown pass from Bubba McGallion to Eddie Foster and the second of two short

scoring plunges by fullback John Housman.

Houston's two touchdowns came in a 3:43 span in the fourth quarter. But the North Carolina Wolfpack, a slight underdog in the game, stormed back with its tying points in a 1:21 stretch.

Substitute running back Tommy London burst nine yards with 3:38 to go in the game to cut the Cougars' lead to 31-23.

The Wolfpack got the ball right back, though, when Louis Alamo recovered an on-side kick at the Houston 47-yard line.

Buckley completed a key 27-yard pass to tight end Pat Jovanice that put the ball on the Cougar one, then Buckley belted over on the next play.

This time the two-point play worked, with Fritts bulging through for the points that tied it 31-31 with 2:17 to go.

Phi Fastest In Firing 500 Tallies

MONTREAL (AP) — Phil Esposito of Boston Bruins has scored 500 regular-season goals in the National Hockey League faster than did any of his five predecessors who belong to the exclusive club.

Esposito scored his 499th and 500th goals Sunday in Boston's 5-4 win over Detroit Red Wings Sunday night in his 803rd game meaning he reached the milestone in 58 fewer games than Bobby Hull, the previous record holder. Hull scored 604 goals in 1,036 games for Chicago Black Hawks before he jumped to the World Hockey Association.

Other players to score over 500 goals in NHL play were Gordie Howe, who had 786 goals in 1,687 games for Detroit Red Wings; Maurice Richard, who finished with 544 goals in 978 games with Montreal Canadiens; Frank Mahovlich, a 533-goal man who started with Toronto Maple Leafs, went to Detroit and finished his NHL career in Montreal before moving to the WHA's Toronto Toros; and Jean Beliveau of the Cana-

diens who had 507 goals in 1,125 games.

Esposito moved into the lead in the NHL scoring race as he scored nine goals and six assists in the Bruins four games last week.

Esposito now has 34 goals and 35 assists for 69 points and leads teammate Bobby Orr by three points. Orr has 23 goals and 43 assists.

Gilbert Perreault of Buffalo Sabres is next with 21 goals and 30 assists for 51 points followed by Guy Lafleur of Montreal and Bobby Clarke of Philadelphia Flyers.

MONTREAL

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	21	22	43
	20	14	34
	18	14	32
	17	17	34
	16	12	28
	15	17	32
	14	12	26
	13	17	30
	12	10	22
	11	17	28
	10	10	20
	9	10	19
	8	10	18
	7	10	17
	6	10	16
	5	10	15
	4	10	14
	3	10	13
	2	10	12
	1	10	11
	0	10	10

NY ISLANDERS

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	16	15	31
	15	17	32
	14	16	30
	13	16	29
	12	16	28
	11	16	27
	10	16	26
	9	16	25
	8	16	24
	7	16	23
	6	16	22
	5	16	21
	4	16	20
	3	16	19
	2	16	18
	1	16	17
	0	16	16

NY RANGERS

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	14	24	28
	13	24	27
	12	24	26
	11	24	25
	10	24	24
	9	24	23
	8	24	22
	7	24	21
	6	24	20
	5	24	19
	4	24	18
	3	24	17
	2	24	16
	1	24	15
	0	24	14

PHILADELPHIA

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	13	10	23
	12	10	22
	11	10	21
	10	10	20
	9	10	19
	8	10	18
	7	10	17
	6	10	16
	5	10	15
	4	10	14
	3	10	13
	2	10	12
	1	10	11
	0	10	10

PITTSBURGH

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	13	15	28
	12	15	27
	11	15	26
	10	15	25
	9	15	24
	8	15	23
	7	15	22
	6	15	21
	5	15	20
	4	15	19
	3	15	18
	2	15	17
	1	15	16
	0	15	15

ST. LOUIS

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	12	15	27
	11	15	26
	10	15	25
	9	15	24
	8	15	23
	7	15	22
	6	15	21
	5	15	20
	4	15	19
	3	15	18
	2	15	17
	1	15	16
	0	15	15

TORONTO

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	11	14	25
	10	14	24
	9	14	23
	8	14	22
	7	14	21
	6	14	20
	5	14	19
	4	14	18
	3	14	17
	2	14	16
	1	14	15
	0	14	14

VANCOUVER

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	10	13	23
	9	13	22
	8	13	21
	7	13	20
	6	13	19
	5	13	18
	4	13	17
	3	13	16
	2	13	15
	1	13	14
	0	13	13

WASHINGTON

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	10	13	23
	9	13	22
	8	13	21
	7	13	20
	6	13	19
	5	13	18
	4	13	17
	3	13	16
	2	13	15
	1	13	14
	0	13	13

MINNESOTA

Pen.	G	A	Pts.
	10	13	23
	9	13	22
	8	13	21
	7	13	20
	6	13	19
	5	13	18
	4	13	17
	3	13	16
	2	13	15
	1	13	14
	0	13	13

Honor Shared

VIENNA (AP) — Austrian sports writers Thursday named skiers Annemarie Froelich and David Zwilling as the top Austrian athletes in 1974. Miss Froelich, who has won four World Cups, and world champion Zwilling each received 1,416 points to share first place.

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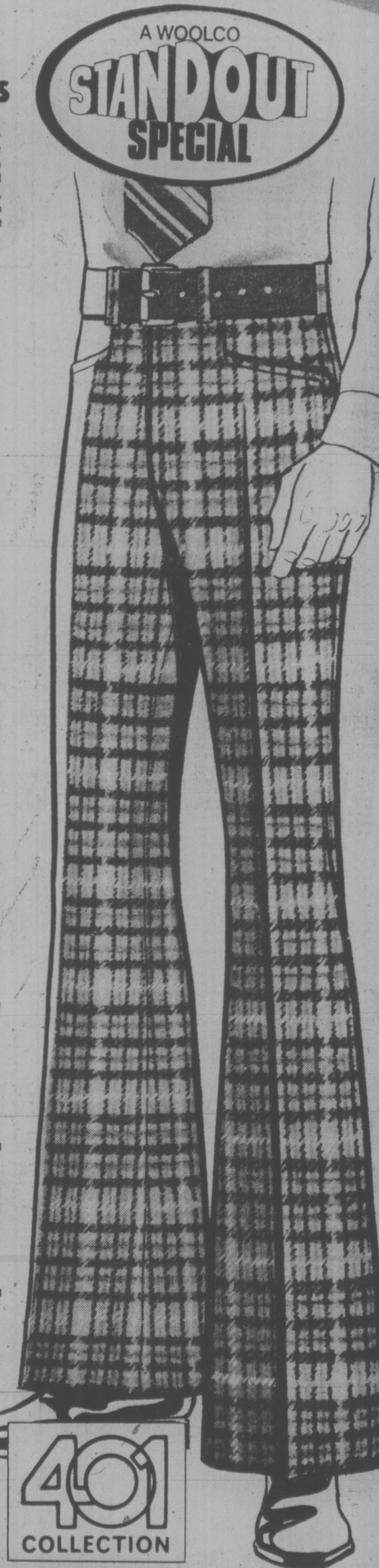
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Death Penalty Demand Swells

CALGARY (CP) — Sentiment for the return of capital punishment flared Monday following the funeral service for police detective Boyd Davidson, slain by an ex-convict with a history of mental disorders.

Police representatives from western Canada met after the funeral to reiterate their stand that convicted murderers should die and criticized Solicitor-General Warren Allmand's attitude on capital

punishment and his handling of the penitentiary and parole systems.

The police call for the return of capital punishment was joined by Florence Vermette, president of a local citizens' group demanding the hangman's noose for murderers, and Peter Bowden, Conservative MP for Calgary south.

Constable Frank McDonald, president of the Calgary police association, said after the meeting that Ottawa "should

not go against the grain of public opinion" in commuting death sentences for convicted murderers.

He said police would have "very, very strong" reaction if the death sentences on two persons in B.C. for the murder of a 23-year-old RCMP officer were commuted. However, earlier reports that police would hold a strike across Canada in support of capital punishment were "misleading," he said.

Senator Earl Hastings, co-

ordinator for the Federal Liberal Party in Alberta, also questioned the circumstances under which the gunman, 26-year-old Phillip Gagnon, was able to go free and plot last Friday's "senseless carnage."

Police sources said Gagnon, formerly of Edmonton, was released from the Drumheller penitentiary last summer after completing a three-year sentence for rape. He ended his parole last month despite a record of psychiatric treatment.

RAIL LINES TO STAY

OTTAWA (CP) — Railway line abandonment could be the kiss of death for many small Prairie centres and the government moved Monday to forestall most abandonment until at least the end of this century.

The announcement by Otto Lang, minister responsible for the Canadian wheat board, was that 12,413 miles, or nearly two-thirds of the affected railway lines in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, cannot be abandoned — until at least the year 2000.

Of the rest, 6,283 miles would be protected until at least the end of 1976 while the remaining 525 could be abandoned just about any time, but as Lang told reporters Monday, "there's been no traffic offered for those lines for a significant period of time."

It was the latest move in a program that began in 1967 with passage of the National Transportation Act, the government's answer to a CP Rail proposal to abandon 30 branch lines totalling about 1,000 miles in the West. The

legislation prohibited abandonment of most lines.

As a result, the two national railways asked the board of transport commissioners, since replaced by the Canadian transport commission, to proceed with 46 abandonment applications, 25 of which were from CN.

In November, 1973, after a flood of public protest, mainly from groups that said elimination of railway service would mean many small hamlets would cease to exist, Ottawa froze the remaining branch lines.

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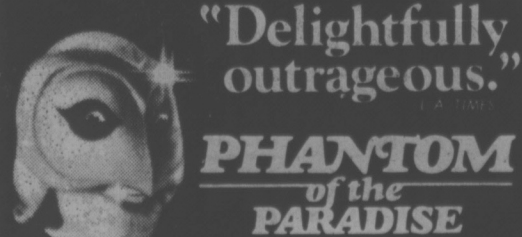
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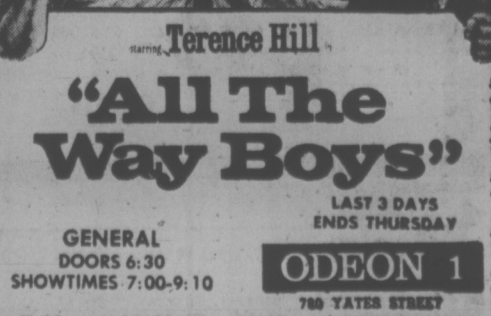
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STEEL PRICE ROLLED BACK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford administration has obtained a partial rollback of U.S. Steel's recent price rise and now is questioning an increase by the No. 2 steel company in the United States.

U.S. Steel Corp., responding to President Ford's criticism of the price increase as inflationary, on Monday trimmed the rise by about 20 per cent. U.S. Steel last week had said it was boosting prices 4.7 per cent, but the industry leader said Monday it

would reduce the price hike to around four per cent.

Shortly before U.S. Steel's announcement, its biggest competitor, Bethlehem Steel Corp., said it was raising its prices about 2½ per cent to "bring them in line with the competition."

Later, Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. said it was hiking prices 3.5 per cent on about one-sixth of its product line.

After U.S. Steel's announcement, Ford said in Vail, Colo., "I am pleased with the work that was done by the council on wage and price stability and the attitude of U.S. Steel in making this rollback."

Council director Albert Rees had met Friday with U.S. Steel chairman E. B. Spear to hear the company's explanation for the increase.

An Error In Name

Wayne Farmer escaped from a plane crash on the weekend with only minor injuries but he is having more difficulty surviving a mistake in fact that appeared in Monday night's Times.

Wayne, general manager of Farmer Construction, is married to Merle Farmer (nee Webb) who was Miss Victoria in 1963.

On Monday, the Times inadvertently said his wife's name was Heather, based upon material in the Victoria Press files. However, that was his former wife.

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Silent Night Can Be Loneliest of All

By DEREK SIDENIUS
Times Staff

For some, Christmas is just a continuation of silent nights and unholy blights.

They're the lonely, the downbeaten who can find no joy in these glad tidings.

They're the poor to whom single bells is only the discordant tinkle of some loose change in a tattered demon's pocket.

They're the distraught, whose family squabbles seem to peak at this, the happiest time of the year.

It is one of the paradoxes of our insensate age that in the midst of so much plenty there are so many going without.

Police approach the Christmas season with foreboding. From long experience they have learned to expect a rush of domestic complaints. In recent years there has been a

marked increase in drug use over the festive period. And invariably the suicide rate rises.

They can give no explanation, but psychiatrist Dr. Ian Kenning of Eric Martin Institution offers some insight.

He categorizes the unhappy situations into three major groups.

First there is the loner, who gets sadder at Christmas because he is more aware of all the things he is missing.

"These people could be a suicide risk because they tend

to go by themselves," he says. "People who do that are the real dangerous ones."

Then there is the person, most often a woman, who is brought up to regard Christmas as something special.

She feels "I've got to do it as well as mother did it," and if those expectations are not fulfilled, she gets upset.

Finally there is the marginal family in which one or both parents drink heavily.

"Christmas is the signal not to drink a bit socially, but to get drunk. If the weather is

bad, confining the family to the home, these people really get into chaos with the games they play with one another."

On the other hand, Dr. Kenning says many of his patients are generally better at Christmas. He attributes that to greater involvement and sense of unity.

Victoria Crisis Centre director Bobbie Etter says there is "a lot of dreading" expressed by callers.

Christmas is a busy time for

Need Line volunteers who receive about 50 calls a day over the festive season, up from the year-round average of between 30 to 40 a day.

This year callers have indicated more concern over financial matters, different from last year, when there seemed to be more fear of violence and of mounting tensions in the family circle, Etter said.

Dr. Kenning has no panacea, but he encourages people with problems to open the floodgates of worry and talk first to friends, then perhaps to one's doctor, minister, or anonymous helper such as a Need Line volunteer, finally in real desperation to the emergency department of hospitals.

"We should think in terms of our responsibility to be concerned about other people," says Etter.

If Christmas has any lasting message, it should be that.

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What accounts for such a phenomenal success is hard to say. "HAROLD AND MAUDE" received good reviews, true, but it started slowly. And began to build. And build. And build. One person told another person and now "HAROLD AND MAUDE" has become a cult movie. One fan in Minneapolis has seen it 138 times. He is a "HAROLD AND MAUDE" freak, as are many people in Minneapolis and Detroit and Atlanta, wherever they see this funny, tender movie about two people who love life and death equally.

Like "Billy Jack" and "Walking Tall", which were also discovered in the Midwest and became two of the biggest cult movies ever, "HAROLD AND MAUDE" is a movie that seems to mean something to all kinds of people, from college kids to over thirties to—anybody.

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Inflation Hits Jail Industry

Inflation has hit the leading industry in B.C. jails. Due to the higher cost of materials and production for licence plates, an extra \$380,000 was needed to pad out the expenses this year, and the supplement was passed by order-in-council Monday.

The order was among others, together totalling \$1.4 million for unexpected expenses in the 1974-75 fiscal period approved in orders made public Monday.

Largest amount, \$800,000, was for grants to health agencies, followed by \$85,000 for the revived B.C. Government News public information sheet, and \$70,000 each for the B.C. Arts Board and Status of Women Program.

In another extraordinary expenditure, the cabinet allowed \$2.4 million to buy a building for the vocational and technical training division of Vancouver City College.

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Union Upgrade Planned

Canadian Press
The British Columbia Government Employees Union is set to begin 1975 by spending \$1 million on "general upgrading" of services to its 35,000 members. John Fryer, the union's general secretary, said in an interview Monday.

"More than half of that budget has been allocated for an education program which will improve the quality of leadership and services provided to the members by the Union's officers," Fryer said.

"Our goal is to sharpen their skills in such areas as collective bargaining, grievance processing, research, job evaluation and classifications," he said.

The general upgrading is what Fryer refers to as "phase three" of the unions' development. It's the final phase of the BCGEU's long-range program.

Phase one began in 1969, he said, when government employees had no collective bargaining rights, sub-standard wages, and few fringe benefits.

"Our priorities were clearly defined — mount a campaign to win a right to bargain collectively, rebuild the organization into negotiating components so that we would have the capability to negotiate."

Those objectives were achieved by 1973 and the union moved on to phase three — the negotiation of its first master contract and component wage and salary agreements which should be completed early in 1975.

The third phase will add the "finishin touches," he said.

About \$250,000 of the budget has been earmarked for the computer adaptation of the union's membership record-keeping.

"The equipment we are now using for this purpose is a horse-and-buggy outfit, so obsolete that we'll probably be able to have it placed in the Provincial Museum as a sample of a period piece of office equipment," Fryer said.

Four Saved After Night On Island

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP) — Four persons were rescued from an island in Great Slave Lake Monday after spending about 24 hours there when bad weather forced their light plane down.

Pilot Marten Hansen, 43, of Hay River, N.W.T., his daughters Lydia, 16, and Wania, 14, and Ronald Dancer, 36, of Hinton, Alta., were not injured.

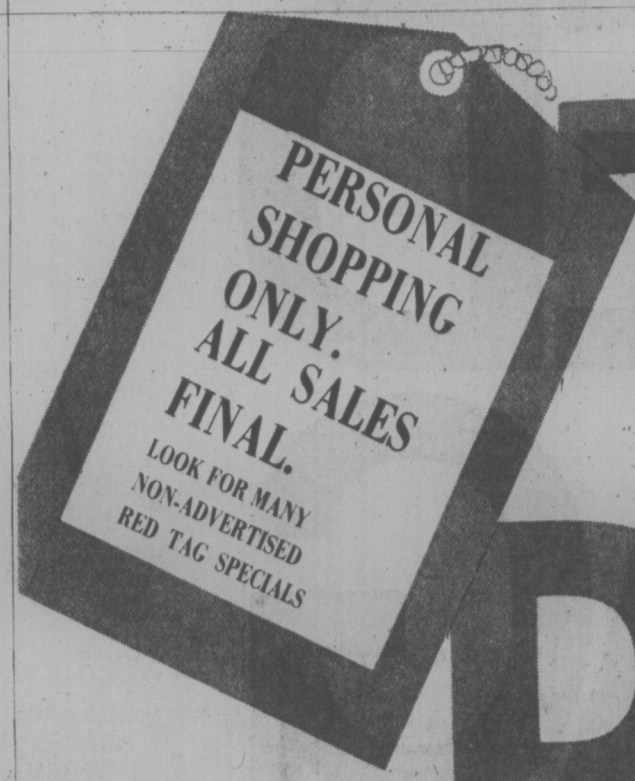
Hansen said he landed on an ice-covered lake when he encountered heavy cloud cover. The pilot and three passengers walked about a mile to the island, about 50 miles south of here, and set up camp.

Using four sleeping bags and a makeshift windbreaker, consisting of the plane's hood, they were protected from the five-below temperatures and gusting wind.

They gathered wood for a fire and had rations on the plane. The plane, spotted by a civilian aircraft, was on a 90-minute flight from Hay River to Yellowknife.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE

Phencyclidine used to be a restricted drug controlled under the Food and Drug Act. That made it illegal to traffic in the drug, unless under permit, but a person could still possess it legally.

In July, 1973, however, phencyclidine, often referred to as synthetic marijuana, was transferred to the Narcotic Control Act and it became illegal to possess the drug.

On Monday, for the first time in Victoria, a person was sentenced for possessing the drug, and the sentence will no doubt set the trend for what other convicted drug-users can expect in the way of penalty.

Judge William Ostler in Victoria provincial court levied a \$250 fine on Edward Dye, 28.

Dye, of 706 Pine, had pleaded guilty, Dec. 3 to simple possession after the Crown agreed to drop the much more serious offence of possession for the purposes of trafficking.

Dye's common-law wife, Betty Lucille Huget, 33, a mother of three children, was a co-accused, but the Crown withdrew the charge against her when Dye entered his guilty plea.

The charge stemmed from a search of the couple's home by drug officers last Aug. 25.

Police found 101 caps of phencyclidine in a small glass container on the mantle above the fireplace. Sixteen other caps were also found on Mrs. Huget.

In addition, police found two baggies of marijuana and one marijuana plant in the house; and when Dye was searched at the police station a silver foil of hashish was found in his pocket.

Dye pleaded guilty to both marijuana charges and was fined \$100 on each.

Defence counsel Clifford Watt, noting it was the first case here involving phencyclidine, said the drug was not structurally related to any of the hard narcotics or marijuana, but had an effect similar to marijuana.

Watt said Dye had a record of violence and excessive drinking and attributed most of the accused's difficulties with the law to those problems.

After imposing the fines, Ostler ordered Dye placed on probation for two years and warned him the department of human resources may "consider your home not a fit place for children and take them away from you" if he did not "mend his ways."

Brett Gordon Glasspoole, 19, of 1331 May, caught siphoning gas from a truck on Mary Street Dec. 8, was fined \$100, placed on six months probation and prohibited from driving for three months. He pleaded guilty.

Glasspoole was jointly charged with another youth, Brendus Voorwinde, but Ostler set over disposition in the case of the latter to Jan. 3 at the request of defence counsel.

A youth ejected from a Colwood beer parlor June 8 after calling the manager a "white turkey" and then took out his frustrations by kicking a young bicyclist in the stomach, received a suspended sentence and six months probation.

Lawrence Henry Charles, 18, of Beecher Bay, had pleaded guilty to common assault Dec. 9.

Said Ostler: "While excessive consumption of alcohol may explain your actions, ... it does not excuse them."

Conviction on two drinking driving offences cost Dennis Giles, 34, of 2107 Dowler Place, \$700 in fines.

Giles pleaded guilty to an impaired driving charge laid May 9, and a charge of driving with more than a .08 blood alcohol level on Dec. 21. Ostler fined him \$400 on the first offence, \$300 on the second.

In addition he prohibited Giles from driving in Canada for nine months.

In Judge Fred Green's traffic court, Barry Dale Harkness, 21, of 3129 Jackson, was sentenced to 14 days in jail after pleading guilty to impaired driving on Jackson and Finlayson Nov. 20.

The sentence will be served on consecutive weekends.

Green also prohibited Harkness from driving for eight months and placed him on six months probation with the condition he attend the impaired drivers' course.

Another person ordered to take the course was Herman Alexander Wood, 27, of 222 Suzanne Place, who pleaded guilty to impaired driving Friday at Tillamook and Trans-Canada Highway.

Wood also received a \$325 fine and 45-day driving prohibition.

Green imposed fines on two other men who pleaded guilty to impaired driving. Arnold Edward Cavanagh, 28, of 2865 Parkview, was fined \$325 and Edward Lloyd Hill, 18, of 3870 Carey, \$350. Cavanagh was banned from driving for three months, Hill for 75 days.

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town talk

Yule Crush

More and more, jargon is replacing English in government circles. Here's part of the regional district planning department's contribution to the new language:

"With respect to transportation planning in the Capital Regional District the suggested strategy is to tool-up for a transportation study in 1975; this includes transportation model design, data collection and establishing terms of reference to govern a provincial-regional-municipal task force responsible for the formulation of a transportation plan in 1976."

"A similar approach also applies to the work tasks related to the Financial Impact Evaluation Model. 1975 is considered the start-up year for designing a model for evaluation development impact in the region in terms of capital cost and intake of revenue for major public services. In this endeavour the involvement of provincial agencies and municipalities would be sought to facilitate the implementation of various "hard" and "soft" service cost sharing formulae and long-term capital programmes and budgets."

Anyone for remedial English classes?

★ ★ ★

A personal itinerancy of visits to hospitals and sick and handicapped youngsters keeps entertainer Eddie Mack busy when he is not doing his professional act at the Red Lion.

Eddie says he is "having a ball" in seeing the kids' response to his songs and comedy and winning grins and chuckles from the elderly and sick.



MACK
he's grateful

Left voiceless by cancer, Mack says the power of thought and belief aided him in regaining his full health and vocal ability.

Because he's grateful, he is donating freely his spare time to entertaining those in need. He has visited up to now 24 groups and institutions, including service clubs, senior citizens, Memorial Pavilion, Matson Lodge, Gorge Road Hospital, Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals and the Victoria Heart Foundation.

★ ★ ★

Folks on Christmas Eve, in Saanich seem to make a special effort to brighten their street with Christmas lights for the holiday season.

"We've never really planned it," said Mrs. R. P. Chamberlain of 1763 Christmas. "Everybody's just kind of done it and if somebody doesn't the rest of us just give them the gears."

★ ★ ★

Oops, de Havilland Aircraft's (side)slip was showing at last week's meeting of Victoria city council's caucus, when one of their top executives was giving an oh-so-slick sales pitch on the merits of STOL (short takeoff and landing) aircraft.

The executive referred to shortening the downtown-to-downtown travel time between Vancouver, Seattle and "Victoria Island." Aldermen winced, looked at each other but tactfully let the boo-boo fly overhead.

★ ★ ★

Christmas for children in seven orphanages and hospitals in San Diego, Calif., has a special Vancouver Island touch, thanks to the Canadian navy.

The Christmas trees in the seven institutions were felled at Rocky Point by officer cadets undergoing training aboard HMCS Yukon. When the Yukon was diverted from the Californian exercise, from which Esquimalt-based ships returned on the weekend, the crew of the destroyer-escort HMCS Mackenzie agreed to take Yukon's place and deliver the trees. Led by Sub-Lt. Dave Towns, a group of sailors made the delivery round with the gifts from Canada. They even went one better.

They invited 45 of the children back to the ship for a Christmas party the next day, complete with Santa Claus and his helper, Lt. Walter Hahn, who outdid Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in popularity.

★ ★ ★

S. J. Petch, of 944 Nicholson has been driving buses on Vancouver Island for 31 years without an accident — best record by an Vancouver Island Coach Lines driver in the Victoria area.

He was one of 58 Coach Lines drivers to receive the annual \$25 bonus, safety button and certificate presented every December.

Petch said the pressure to preserve his record is minimal during the year but he starts to sweat a little near December.

"You can't help thinking about it near the end of the year," Petch has hopes of catching E. B. Churchill of Nanaimo who is tops in the company with 33 years. Petch at 52 has 13 driving years ahead of him, although a number of drivers retire in their early 60s.

Other Victorians with impressive safety records include Henry Schweimler with 26 years and Larry McLung with 24 years of accident-free driving.

★ ★ ★

Ralph Dent of 1242 Oscar Street sends along his gratitude for a recent Ask The Times comment that Brazil nuts can best be extracted by freezing them.

"Why didn't I know this 50 years ago," he writes. "Not just cold — but frozen! They come out a whole kernel every time."

His refrigerator is full of nuts this week and the shells are opening very easily, he reports.

An alternate suggestion by a Times reader that nuts be boiled and then cut open with a knife is too messy, according to Dent's experiments.

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Saanich Ald. Les Passmore, 61, said Monday he has never been misquoted in 33 years of political life.

"Attending his last council meeting, Passmore said: "I may be the only elected official in Greater Victoria who has never been misquoted. I've made some pretty stupid statements and regretted them later, but I can't remember being misquoted."

The blunt-speaking alderman, a consistent champion of modest-priced housing took special satisfaction in his last civic action. It was to help ratify the bylaw for the provincial government's 280-unit housing complex, to be built in the Interurban-Marigold area.

★ ★ ★

Closing the downtown bus station before the last buses arrive seems a little strange and it had a New York tourist fuming this week.

She phoned Town Talk to say that she and passengers on three buses on the last ferry arrived at the downtown station at 10:40 p.m. last Friday — 10 minutes after the station closed.

"I just cannot believe you have ferries running that get you to the bus station when it is closed," she said.

"We couldn't get in to use the phone or the washroom or anything."

And the outside pay phone didn't work properly, robbing her of 20 cents before she gave up.

Vancouver Island Coach Lines manager Jack Thomas and general superintendent Wally Watson were reported on holidays. Perhaps when they get back they should take a look at what appears to be a justifiable complaint.

★ ★ ★

A strange but true plea for assistance this Christmas was lodged among the lost and found ads today.

"Lost: a moose and rabbit from a black Cadillac in front of the Stardust Cabaret."

The two are "sadly missed" and "we would like them home for Christmas," says the ad.

It's no joke, the advertiser told Town Talk.

Asked for a description of the moose, the woman simply said: "It's dark brown and light brown."

But it's not roaming around Victoria streets. "It's stuffed," she explained, adding the two animals were favorite toys of her young son.

If spotted, both will be easy to snare and a young boy would be delighted to have his friends around for the Yuletide celebrations. Phone number is 398-1384.

Christmas crowds were bigger than ever this year but stores were beginning to notice the first signs of worry about a possible recession.

Bob Chorley, manager of The Bay, said crowds have never been bigger but this year they were avoiding the big ticket items such as pianos and large television sets, concentrating on lower-priced gifts.

Sales of the expensive items are moving brisk at this time of year.

However, volume of sales was up over last year, according to a preliminary estimate.

Crowds reached their peak on Monday and all major stores were crowded in the afternoon.

Lloyd Davies of the Downtown Victoria Association said the dollar value of Christmas

sales would be about 15 per cent above the 1973 level.

"Allowing for a 12 per cent rate of inflation this is a minor increase over last year. Over-all, the sales have been good."

A spokesman for F. W. Woolworth said the recession worries were evident even in the smaller items.

In past years, shoppers would come in and buy toys

by the handful. Now they were checking prices against other stores.

Woolworth's, like the department stores, also noted little action among the top-priced items but had brisk sales on the lowest-priced goods.

Sales were particularly strong in low-priced jewelry trinkets. The store had one clerk handling the counter in

1973 and had to have three clerks full-time this year because of the increased interest.

Last-minute shoppers seeking Christmas wrapping paper, however, may have been disappointed. There was a general shortage in Victoria with some stores running out before last weekend.

Jack McKernan, manager of the 63-store Hillside Shop-

ping Plaza, said the centre had its busiest day ever on Monday in terms of volume.

The shopping centre stores reported sales were brisk in what could be called practical items.

McKernan said a large number of shoppers appear to be buying clothes as gifts this year.

However, toys were selling as well as ever.



DADDY TAKES A REST while he discusses last-minute shopping plans at a Victoria department store. Most shoppers showed signs of weariness to-

day after hectic Monday buying, which was the busiest day ever for a number of major stores. (Bill Halkett photo)

Florence Lake Water Tested

The Pollution Control Branch is investigating charges that a mobile home park is polluting Florence Lake.

A spokesman for the branch said someone will be sent out today to begin testing water in the lake.

Axel Brock-Miller, spokesman for the Florence Lake Involvement Association, charged Monday that a dispersal field used for sewage from the Hidden Valley mobile home park has overflowed in heavy rains.

Pollution from the dispersal field is seeping into the lake.

said Brock-Miller, along with fill being washed into the lake by the rains.

The 160-unit Hidden Valley park is built on a slope above the lake, and fill that has been put in new areas of the park has been eroded by the rain.

Brock-Miller said the lake was once "crystal clear."

"Now it looks milky, yellowish brown, from all the erosion,"

Many Florence Lake residents get their drinking water from the lake, he said.

One couple with a small baby moved away because they were worried about the quality of the water, said Brock-Miller.

Brock-Miller and his 100-member association have been long opposed to the Hidden Valley development.

"The site is completely unsuited for a development of this kind," he said.

Laurel Renham, director of public health for the Capital Regional District, said he has seen no evidence to show effluent is going into the lake from any of Hidden Valley's dispersal fields.

All five fields are more than the 100 feet away from the lake that is required, he said.

Benham said his department has also investigated complaints by two residents of the mobile home park that fill is eroding under their homes.

He said the residents should be willing to provide eaves-troughing to catch water coming off their homes.

Wiring Work Darkens House

Rewiring work has temporarily blacked out the Legislative Buildings' nighttime outline.

The works department said the entire installation is being replaced, having withstood the ravages of more than 50 years.

The lights around windows, roofs and domes give the buildings a distinctively festive look, particularly during the holidays.

Meanwhile, the bright orange shroud at the top of the central dome is to protect the base of a new pedestal for the statue of George Vancouver, taken down a few weeks ago for renovation and regilding.

HISTORIC SITE FOR FIRST PUB

The historic Prairie Inn in Central Saanich will become the first neighborhood pub in the Victoria area this week-end.

Owner Gavin Harper won approval of his pub application from the Liquor Administration Branch on Monday, and plans to open the inn either Friday or Saturday.

Harper said the new pub will be a place for residents to walk to for a pint or two in the evening, for a hot meal and for singings around the piano.

It will be open six days a week from 9 a.m. 'til 11 p.m., serving beer, wine and liquor

as is permitted in the neighborhood pub licence.

Harper said he isn't worried about getting customers, since the Prairie Inn will be the only pub between Sidney and Royal Oak.

"They've been knocking on the doors already," he said.

He said he hopes eventually to provide musical entertainment and space for dancing.

Built in 1893 at East Saanich Rd. and Mount Newton Crossroads, the Prairie Inn was the first pub on the Saanich Peninsula.

It eventually became a restaurant, but for the past year it has been closed.

'WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE'

The city firefighters' union wants negotiations thrown open to the press.

"We have nothing to hide," said union president Ross Cameron.

Mayor Peter Pollen said he welcomes open negotiations, adding that nothing but good can come of reporters being present.

While announcing the union favors open negotiations, he disclosed highlights of union proposals.

The 104-member local wants a one-year contract with a 10 per cent raise plus a cost-of-living clause stating that for every one per cent or portion of that in the consumer price index increase a similar amount shall be added to the wage structure.

First-class firefighters' currently earn \$1,088 a month.

The union also wants a comprehensive employer-paid dental plan and a holiday benefit providing three weeks after one year, four weeks in the 10th year, five weeks in the 20th year and a bonus of an extra five weeks in the 25th and 30th years of employment.

The union's contract expires Dec. 31. The first meeting was held last Friday to present proposals and the next meeting is Jan. 8.

Ask The Times

Q. We are invited to a "Greaser" party and we are expected to dress in the mode of that time. Would you tell me what items of wearing apparel would have been worn — both male and female? C.P.

A. Our resident fashion authority advises that female outfit is pretty well limited to the standard: string of pearls, banion sweater buttoned up the back, calf-length pleated skirt, rolled down bobby socks and saddle shoes.

Men have two acceptable alternatives: the more formal suit of black pointed shoes, white socks, grey flannels, a white shirt and red, narrow tie, with lots of grease to slick back hair; or the "tougher" look — black leather jacket, skin tight blue jeans, same greasy hair, and for real authenticity, shirt, with sleeves rolled above the elbow and cigarette package in the fold.

They're Getting Set for Crunch

Both sides say they don't want a strike or lockout over new contracts for more than 1,500 employees of Greater Victoria municipalities, the school board and the regional board.

But just in case, both sides are gearing for what they may have to do if new contracts cannot be negotiated without a work stoppage.

Two locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees — maintenance staff at the school board and outside workers for the city — have approved strike action, if necessary.

The municipal employers co-ordinating committee has discussed the possibility of a general lockout if there is a single strike but no decision has been made and regional board chairman Jim Campbell said what happens will be dictated by the circumstances at the time.

Mediation officer Clark Gilmour has been working with both sides seeking a settlement. CUPE locals have turned down a wage increase of 12 per cent for 1975 and several locals have also turned down a second offer of 15.75 per cent.

All contracts expire Dec. 31. But until Gilmour withdraws, no strike or lockout can occur.

Gilmour spent Monday mediating the city outside dispute and was to spend today with the school board maintenance union.

Jim Walker, president of CUPE Local 50, representing 300 city outside workers, said the union reduced its demands "slightly" and received the "inevitable" second offer to all municipal staffs which was rejected.

"They have got to come off that figure or the whole works will be out. It is totally unacceptable," he said.

Local Ship Movements

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All ships in port.

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SECOND SECTION

Cards as Usual

More Victorians have received Yuletide greetings by post this year, Victoria Post-

master Jim Deans said today. He said a decline in the volume of holiday mail being experienced in the U.S. hasn't happened here.

Post office employees processed 15 million pieces of first class mail this month in preparation for Christmas, an increase of 2.4 per cent, Deans said.

He also reports that the normal mail rush has been taken out of the Christmas season this year.

"It's a funny thing, but it doesn't seem like the Christmas rush at all."

He attributes the smooth operations to a lack of "usual transportation tie-ups that

seem to hit around the Christmas season, and good weather."

About 800 Christmas staff, boosted annually by about 200 workers to clear away vast volumes of mail, helped ease processing, he said.

Meanwhile U.S. postal officials report the holiday mail volume could be anywhere from five to 25 per cent smaller than in 1973, attributing the decline to concern over the economy and inflation.

"People have the money for cards and stamps, but they're afraid to spend it," said Larry Shelvey, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman in Boston.

"They don't know what's coming next."

Another potential source of trouble could be breaks in sewer and water mains, hydrants knocked over in traffic accidents or some similar type of emergency situation.

To reduce the possibility of breaks, water main pressure would be cut back, but Bramley added: "Our system is in pretty good shape and we don't envisage too many problems in that direction."

"We have had a number of discussions, and while we certainly hope it won't come about (a strike) we are prepared in our little way — the 30 exempt staff — to do what we can to keep essential services going," the city manager said.

Saanich Mayor Ed Lum is optimistic a strike will be averted but says emergency plans are being drawn up as a precaution.

"We do have an emergency plan but a handful of people can't replace the whole staff," he said. "A strike would mostly affect garbage collection. We would ask people to put all their garbage in plastic bags."

Lum said further plans on "the dumping of them" (garbage bags) would have to be made.

Oak Bay Mayor Brian Smith said garbage collection would be the most important service affected by a strike and residents would have to burn paper garbage, flatten tin cans and not stuff bottles into garbage cans. He wouldn't divulge contingency plans.

Greater Victoria School District is making no contingency preparations for a strike in the new year, superintendent of schools Jake Longmore said.

Longmore said the school board has been encouraged by statements by Bob Cunningham, vice-president of Local 382 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, regarding negotiations.

Cunningham said last week that a non-contract no-work policy has been rescinded by the local because it "but down on the possibility of negotiating past the end of the year, if any movement was being made."



dear abby

'Disgracing' Family

DEAR ABBY: My 62-year-old mother who was recently widowed, has taken to running around with men. She joined some kind of "Senior Swingers Club." Her men friends have been seen by her neighbors and they have begun to talk.

I just can't understand what's come over my mother. She picks up men at the gro-

cery store, at bingo, and at other social events. She used to be a devoted Christian wife and mother, and my children adore their "Nana," but now she's disgracing our family. I spoke to her about this, and she said she figured she may not be around too many more years. And she wants to enjoy what's left of her life. Isn't this type

of activity bad for a woman her age?

I need some advice on how to handle this.—Desperate

DEAR DESPERATE: A woman who has been a devoted Christian wife and mother doesn't become less of a Christian because she makes new friends and enjoys socializing. It could keep her young and healthy for many years. You are not "disgraced." A person can disgrace only himself. Mother is probably innocent of any wrongdoing, but some neighbors love to talk.

DEAR ABBY: Do you see anything wrong with re-wrapping Christmas gifts that have been received in previous years and giving them to others for Christmas?

I have dusting powder, colognes, stationery, nightgowns, etc., and my husband has neckties, wallets, scarves, etc., none of which are useful to us, but all of which are good as new. So why should we go out and spend good money to buy gifts for others when we have so many nice gift items on our closet shelf?

Of course I would re-wrap them attractively. Is there anything morally wrong and dishonest about this?—Cutting Corners

DEAR CUTTING: Certainly not, unless you are asked where the gift came from (which is highly unlikely), and you lie about it. (P.S. Remember, perfume and cologne do not last indefinitely. Only fine wine and violins improve with age.)

DEAR ABBY: Our son recently married a girl in another city. None of our relatives or friends has ever met the girl, but many of them received announcements of the wedding and sent gifts.

Our son sent personal handwritten thank-you notes on behalf of both himself and his bride to all of the friends and relatives who sent gifts. My daughter and her husband think it's the bride's responsibility to write all the thank-you notes.

His Dad and I (and some of the recipients) thought it was a nice gesture on our son's part. What is your opinion?—Puzzled

DEAR PUZZLED: I'm with you. The bride usually writes the notes, but it's not necessarily HER "responsibility." It's THEIRS.

Free for the Asking

By HARRIET HART

If you have never tried to develop and print your own films, you have a fascinating treat in store. The long winter evenings ahead may give you the incentive to practice what may become a new hobby. It will not only give you lots of satisfaction but also save you quite a bit of money.

The illustrated 8-page pamphlet "How To Develop and Print Black-And-White Films" is an easy to follow guide. It lists the equipment you will need and suggests where you might want to do your photographic work. It also explains the various chemicals and the kinds of paper you will need.

The pamphlet points out

that the easiest way to develop your film is in a tank, because there is less danger of scratching it. Also, once you have loaded the film into the tank, you can do the rest of the work in the light.

Simple illustrations show every step of the developing process. There are also illustrations which clearly show how to make contact prints and enlargements. To develop these, you will need photographic trays or shallow pans or dishes, such as plastic, china or glass pie plates.

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Business As Usual On Rigs

By SYDNEY OMARR
Forecast for Wednesday, Dec. 25

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Accents on values, beautiful objects, savings, luxury and the joy of family harmony. You also should be aware of diet — don't "give in" to sweet tooth. Remember resolutions. Person who has your best interests at heart will request "Dutch uncle" talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle is high and you will be engaging in stimulating conversations, making changes, checking gifts and examining ideas. Gemini, Virgo could play significant roles. Family reunion could be spotlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The mystery, the intrigue, the surprise, the behind-the-scenes activity all blend and dominate. What seems apparent on surface could be something different. Virgo, another Gemini and Pisces figure prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accent is on frivolity, social activity, giving and receiving of gifts — and your hopes and wishes. Love is reciprocated. You also find it is possible to organize, to play, to find who is responsible for goal you want to reach. Means you make contact with "right" person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Humanitarian feelings surge to forefront. One you respect seeks your opinion, advice. Instead of being cocky, you find yourself being compassionate. That's good, and the dictum about casting the first stone is certainly applicable. You'll comprehend!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis is on long-distance — travel and calls. You are able to view potential and find inner strength. Significance of holiday strikes home and you gain rare insights. Imprint your style — co-operate with young persons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concern with what mate or partner is doing about budget may "try" to mar holiday. Key now is to sense love and loyalty — leave negative vibrations for another time. Accentuate the positive! Aquarian helps you see the light.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get together with partner, mate — make this a day and night of co-operation, of blending, of understanding and of shared spirituality. You will understand — and the choice will be your own. Light touch is plentiful and festivities abound, especially with Gemini, Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attend to basics. Check lists, costs, invitations. One you care for needs extra show of affection. Persons

At the Brinkerhoff camp working for EM Oil on Banks Island, 1,200 miles northwest of Edmonton, it is more of the same — a lot of work and a big Christmas dinner.

In accordance with strict camp rules, common throughout the North, liquor is forbidden in camp. Even a slightly inebriated rig hand could cause death for himself or a workmate among the winches and drilling machinery.

Anyone caught with liquor is put on the next plane south to look for another job. Sachs Harbour is about the only established community on barren Banks Island and it is far from the oil rig themselves.

Panarctic Oils Ltd. is the most active oil company in the Arctic Islands, with five crews spread out from Banks and Cameron islands to Melville and Ellesmere islands.

Christmas in Panarctic camps, as for other crews in the islands, will mean temperatures down to 40 degrees below zero and 24 hours of darkness.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Look behind the scenes. Co-operate in hospital, charity project. Visit those confined. Your secret fears, doubts are placed on table for examination. Now you can free yourself — if you take cold plunge. The next move is up to you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis is on your dreams. You can make some of them come true — if you act in forthright, creative manner. Love awaits you but you tend now to fight it. Cycle is such that you could insure happiness — if you would grow up and stop insisting on being "alone in a crowd."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moon aspect coincides now with promotion, dealings with professional superiors, responsibility. Your ESP comes to forefront. One who teaches will want you to impart knowledge. Be receptive, not weak. Be conciliatory without abandoning principles. You will gain deserved recognition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight on philosophy, religion, language, ability to communicate. Talk, plans of travel are featured. Your horizons are expanded. You no longer will be satisfied merely to be told — you will (good!) want to test, examine, read, find out for yourself. Make that a resolution!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money flow may be temporarily halted. Check escrow procedures. You have right to demand clarification — regarding taxes, investments, policies. Mate, partner plays significant role. Get magnifying glass on small print — if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cycle is such that you do best now as an alert observer — contrasted to direct action. Gemini, Virgo and another Sagittarian are likely to be in the picture. Emphasis is on partnership, marriage, co-operative effort with one who usually opposes your views.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moderation, health, balance — these are emphasized. Your family situation dominates actions, reactions. Your basic health, outlook figure more significantly than might be imagined. Avoid extremes. Don't promise more than can be delivered. Genuine token of affection brightens day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Young person may be testing you. Know it and maintain self-esteem. Be generous, not foolish. Be understanding, not weak. You will discern differences. Pisces. Virgo persons could be involved. Give logic equal time with impulse.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Practical affairs dominate. Costs, structures, organization — these are featured. Build on solid base. Accept responsibility. Fulfill past obligations. One who aided you in past may request that favor be returned.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are truthful, specific, have a long memory, are basically loyal and, when occasion arises, you can be vindictive. Capricorn, Cancer persons play important roles in your life. You adjust life-style in 1975-September will be your most important month. Some pressures are relieved and problem with residence or mortgage will be resolved.

Forecast for Friday, Dec. 27

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): The travel, the ideas and the relatives—there could be a coming apart at the seams. Start seeing as is, not as you wish. You should face reality now—and get rid of concepts which are not workable. Pisces, Virgo could be involved.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are loyal, dedicated, can be forceful but always willing to aid the underdog. You made family, home adjustments this year. In 1975, January and October will be your significant months.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Costs, production, budget—these are featured. Priorities should be considered, possibly revised. Capricorn, Cancer individuals could play key roles. Check sales slips, receipts. Reality and fantasy could meet halfway—a rare opportunity presents itself. Pounce on it!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you attempt to hang on to past, you make a mistake. Key now is to finish, to prepare for "cold plunge" into future. Cycle is such that you land on your feet. Take a chance on your abilities. Steer clear of legal tangles. One who opposes you is aggressive. Ride it out!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Highlight independence. Realize that employment changes ultimately will be resolved in your favor. Your potential is greater than you might imagine. A "good" contract could be upcoming. Leo, Aquarius persons may figure prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your hunch pays dividends. Be confident. You learn by teaching. Friends, in hot disputes, may want to involve you. Have none of it! Money questions will not be resolved by hurling blame in all directions. Intelligent compromise probably is key to solution of differences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Diversity. Find ways of getting around opposition instead of running headlong into it. Sagittarius, Gemini individuals are likely to be in picture. Overall view is best now—leave fine points, details for another time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel and plans which involve sweeping changes need additional review. Know it and act like you are aware of it. Check tendency to sign papers without thoroughly digesting contents. One step at a time, now will assure progress and achievement of goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be prepared for questions, scrutiny of records. Money situation is spotlighted. Gemini Virgo, figure prominently. Element of timing—or luck—ultimately rides by your side. One who had been behind the scenes will make an appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lie low; do more listening than talking. Deal with person who can show you a diplomatic way of adjusting property offer, payment. A contract or lease is on shaky ground. Know it and protect yourself in clinches.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Study Sagittarius message for valid hint. Don't force issues. You can win your way if you tread with care—livey Piscean could aid. Get peek behind the scenes. You should know what happened at recent closed-door meeting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone is being free-and-easy, perhaps at your expense. Know it and do something about it. Key is to organize, to get priorities in order. Capricorn, Cancer persons could play significant roles. Questions involve spending and saving—and how to achieve intelligent balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Conclusions, completions, the finishing touches — these are emphasized. Now is time to "close the deal." If you wait, linger, your prospect will get away. Emphasize settlement. Older individual will agree.

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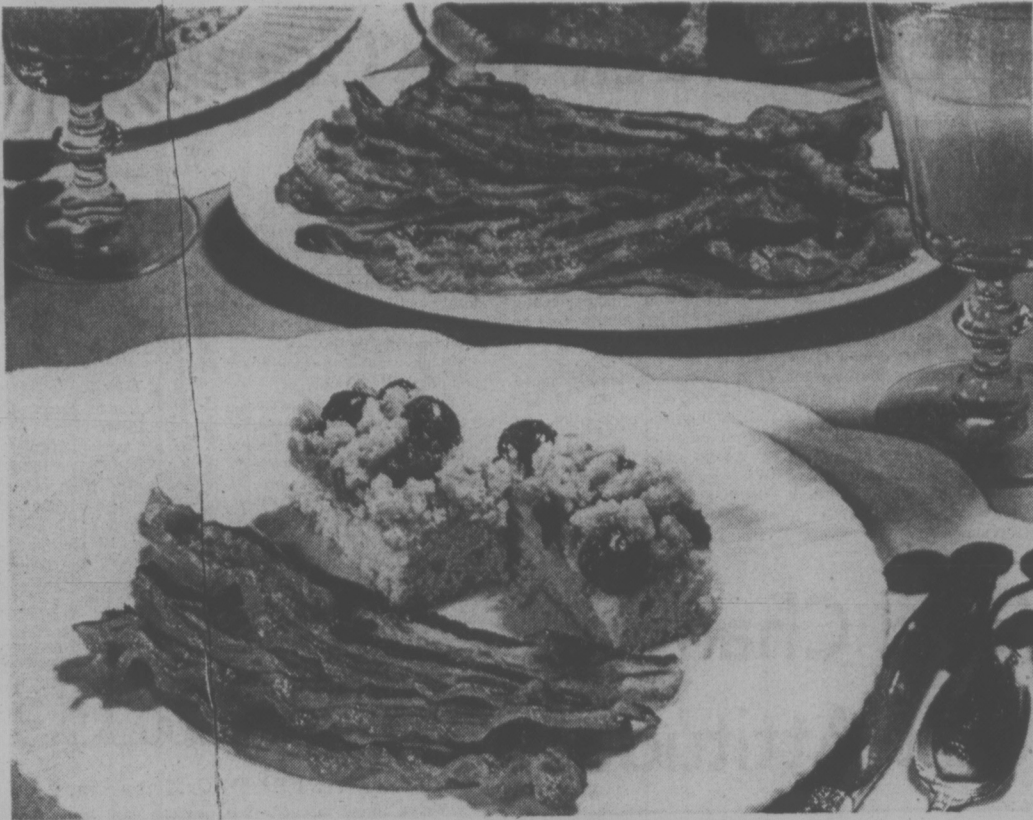
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Lights Tour For Patients

Patients at Gorge Hospital, St. Anthony's Home and St. Mary's Priory were taken on a tour of the city to view Christmas lights Sunday by members of the Oddfellows and Rebekah's extended care hospital committee.

Forty-two patients took the tour. In buses provided through the Lion's Club Easter Seals service.

ing if you like or, assemble the ingredients ahead and combine and bake it in the morning. Cook the bacon while the coffee cake bakes tonight (just a little under done) and heat in foil for 3 to 4 minutes before serving. You can heat the coffee cake and bacon in the oven or in a covered electric skillet.

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Yield: One 9 inch square cake.

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1/2 teaspoon salt

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Jellied meats should be kept no longer than two days.

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat. Blend in milk. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Blend into shortening mixture. Spread in 9 inch square pan, rubbed with shortening.

TOPPING

15 oz. can red pitted cherries

1/4 cup butter or margarine melted

1/2 cup flour

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Drain cherries**. Mix together flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Add melted butter. Arrange cherries on top of cake. Sprinkle with crumb topping. Bake at 375 degree F. about 30-35 minutes. Serve with bacon and/or sausages.

*1 1/2 cups all purpose or bread flour.

**Note: Save the cherry juice. Spice lightly with cinnamon and cloves or use as is, half and half with ginger ale for a refreshing drink.

Battle for the Bones Of Old Saint Nicholas

By KATHARINE SIM

MYRA, Turkey (FWF) — There seems to be a prevailing impression that Santa Claus came from Germany or thereabouts, and people are often startled to hear that he was born in Lycia, in southern Turkey. There he was Bishop of a little place called Myra — which, much to my delight, I have at long last visited.

Born in the 3rd century AD, his real name was Nicholas, patron saint of children and of sailors. The name "Sinter Klaas," deriving from a Dutch dialect, was returned to Europe via America as Santa Claus. Rather a long cry from both Turkey and Nicholas but the link is there nevertheless, and it is a very strong one especially at Christmas time all over the Christian world. And particularly among fishermen of the Mediterranean who visit tiny chapels dedicated to him, on rocks by the sea's edge. I met one such man who said proudly that his own name was Nicholas. He had been taking his siesta in the chapel on the rocks — that was in a remote bay in southern Greece.

What has always fascinated me about Father Christmas, Santa Claus, or Nicholas, is the battle for his bones. The tale has its humorous side. Possibly, too, there may not be so very many people who have visited both his magnificent shrine in Apulia, southern Italy, and his little old ruined but still enchanting basilica in southern Turkey.

It had long been my desire to reach this place so far away on the wild shores and ghostly roads of this beautiful part of the world. Unfortunately for me, a week or so before, I had chanced to jump

family

out of a jeep at Chidus en route to a dance with the Mukhtar and other Turkish friends. I missed my footing, rolled precipitately in the village street at the Mukhtar's feet and did something very painful to my back. I was lifted up, shaken out, massaged, given large doses of raki, and eventually managed to enjoy the dance. But by the time we had rested for some days, and later taken to the appalling roads still further south to reach Myra, I was so staggering that it needed the care of two little Turkish boys and a kind curator to get me around and up the steep steps of the beautiful ruin of the St. Nicholas basilica.

In 1956 authoress Freya Stark was not at all impressed by it, but for me it had charm and light — perhaps it has been cleared since she wrote of it. But the tomb pointed out to me — certainly it had been smashed open and did seem to be in an odd place for so great a saint. I had thought that the Italians who stole the bones did so from beneath the altar, but maybe that is another tale. There are high balconies from which one has an excellent view of what appears to be a small ancient stone altar set in front of a semi-circle of newly-restored seats where, so the curator said, concerts are given.

If not much else was left of

this basilica at least I found a very suitable aura of gentleness extended to me in my pain — by the two boys and the man — all Turks who had nothing to do with Christianity except kindness. In fact I often find that Turks are kinder than many Christians.

All I had really wanted to do was to see this little wild and out-of-the-way place and to compare it with what I had seen in the picturesque port of Bari in Italy a year or so before — where, in an immense and grandiose basilica, the bones of the kindly little old saint lay enshrined in "manna."

This came about because, in 1087, there was a race between the merchant sailors of Venice and those of Bari to steal the bones of the saint from the Greeks of southern Turkey. The men of Bari won. The bones now lie under" an

altar in the crypt in the famous "manna" — which may possibly, I think, have its origin in the fact that Nicholas was said to have brought back to life three "murdered" children hidden in a brine tub. Hence the pawnbrokers' sign. For he is also the patron saint of pawnbrokers, and merchants, as well as of fishermen and children.

The most popular Christmas tale about him is the legend of the three young daughters of a merchant who, having lost all his wealth, was suddenly faced with them having to become prostitutes to obtain dowries he could not produce. Nicholas is said to have saved the girls from their fate by throwing three bags of gold into their windows by night. Hence — Santa Claus and children's Christmas stockings.

All of which seems a long way away — not only from the ruined basilica at Myra but also from the great one at Bari, the bones in the "manna." And, above all, it seems far from the somewhat riotous fishermen's processions when the saint's image is carried out in a service of blessing of the boats. Everyone gets so tired that the jaunt turns into something of a tavern-hopping affair.

Shooting for Space

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI)

Dr. Mary H. Johnston, oldest member of a four-woman crew which completed a five-day simulated spaceflight aboard a NASA spacelab last week, says she wants to be the first American woman in space.

"I hope this will look good"

on my record," said Dr. Johnston of the mission at Marshall Space Flight Center, "because I want to be the first woman in space."

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Wast in His mind, who is thy Son, and Brother,
Whom thou conceiv'st, conceived; yea thou art now
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Alvarez-Welch Medical Report

By WALTER ALVAREZ

In a release from the Tufts School of Medicine in Boston, I read that today the second most common venereal disease in the United States is "genital herpes." There are now 300,000 cases each year.

The good news is that in 70 per cent of cases, the virus can be killed, and the watery blisters on the genitalia can be cleared away by a weak solution of methylene blue, plus light. Resistant strains of the virus may be sensitive to proflavine or neutral red. Unfortunately, after being wiped out, the blisters can sometimes come back.

QUICK TEMPER

Many of my highly nervous and unhappy patients have admitted to me that one of their greatest curses was a temper so quick and so poorly controlled that it came between them and their spouses, their children and their friends.

As I start to write this, there comes to mind a mental picture which, after 60 years, is well remembered. What I saw taught me much about human nature. I made a house call to see a sick man, and as I was leaving, I went into the kitchen to speak to his wife.

Just then a daughter about 12 dropped a plate and broke it, and the mother beat her severely, so that she howled. In sympathy, the girl's sister, about 14, went into tears also and because of this, the angry mother beat her, and she cried even more.

Then the little brother of 10 wept, and he got beaten. With this, the mother, suddenly realizing what an unnecessary, foolish and cruel thing she had done, went to pieces nervously and went upstairs to bed with a severe migraine of the sort that would torture her all day.

Later, when I saw her again and asked her from whom she had inherited her embarrassing temper, she said, "From my mother. Relatives have told me that in her youth Mother was a beautiful woman — so beautiful that she easily got four husbands in succession; but her temper was so bad that every one of them soon left her in anger."

I have seen any number of such people who deeply regretted their quick temper. One man who suffered greatly owned a store. He came a thousand miles to see me for his spells of acute indigestion for which he said four abdominal operations had done no good. My assistant examined him thoroughly and could find no sign of abdominal disease.

I then went carefully over his history of abdominal pain, and could not find any hint of organic disease. Then, following the wise counsel given me by my dear old friend, Dr. Charlie Mayo, I asked his wife what caused the pain.

She said, "It's that darned temper of his. When he gets very angry at a clerk who has fallen out with a customer, he scolds the clerk, becoming angrier and angrier until he gets to feeling so sick that he has to come home. He vomits and gets an abdominal pain that grows worse and worse until around 2 a.m., when he is taken to the hospital."

"By four o'clock, his surgeon is so worried about him that he operates and explores his abdomen, but nothing wrong there has ever been found."

I hope I was able to get him to see the futility of losing his temper. Certainly the price he had paid for "blowing his top" had been enormous.

I just received a fine book Hoffman, president of the Auxiliary of Recording for the Blind, Los Angeles, Calif. Blind, Inc., 5022 Hollywood 9027. It is entitled "Educational Books, Sight Unseen," and it tells of the great library of 22,000 books on tape, available without cost to blind persons.

The books have been recorded by volunteers in 22 recording studios throughout the United States. These people have read special educational textbooks to help blind high school and college students get the sort of information that will enable them to keep up with the rest of the students; to receive their degrees and go on to take their place in the community as educated people in their chosen careers.

Low-Heels Back for Comfort

By BERNADINE MORRIS

NEW YORK (NYT) — No, it is not necessary to totter around on heels five inches high to keep in the swing of fashion. In the last few weeks, many fashion designers showing their spring collections in both Paris and New York have resurrected comfortable looking low-heel shoes for their mannequins to wear even with longer skirts.

When Karl Lagerfeld's mannequins strode down the seemingly endless runway of the Palais de Chaillot in Paris in his loose, unconstructed clothes for Chloe, the audience paid almost as much at-

tention to their feet as to their dresses.

They wore pale suede pumps with 1-inch heels, semi-boots with laces at the side, or sandals with the same minimal elevation. They were free to turn and swirl without losing their balance or looking constricted.

Issey Miyake and Kenzo Takada, two Japanese designers working in Paris, also chose low-heel shoes as the base for their voluminous, free-wheeling clothes.

James Galanos and Bill Blass are among the first New York designers to revive low heel footwear. Both used a version of David Evin's T-strap sandal.

"Now many people are getting on the bandwagon," observed Evin, the shoe designer. "The T-straps are selling in the stores right now, but they're not the only things that are going. Moccasins, low wedges, pumps — they're all in demand."

Evin, who makes many kinds of shoes, admits that he is partial to the low heel variety.

"A woman is simply more balanced on a pair of low shoes than she is on stilts," he observed.

Adolfo, who ordered some of Evin's black patent leather pumps last July to show with his chemises for fall, said he now likes the way

they look with his culottes for the coming resort season.

"My customers like low shoes with clothes an inch or two below the knee, which I think is the civilized way of dressing," Adolfo remarked.

Herbert Levine, another shoe manufacturer who works closely with fashion designers, observes that low shoes do not have to be flat.

"An inch and a quarter is a good height," he said.

Among his present low-heel styles are a pump that he did for Halston and an espadrille with a very modest wedge that he designed for Geoffrey Beene.

Levine is just as enthusiastic about low heels for evening as he is for day. One of his favorite styles is a sandal with two gold straps that he made for Halston's collection

along with a gold thong sandal.

"Women like to feel comfortable when they get dressed up too," he said.

Bonnie Cashin, the fashion designer, couldn't agree more.

"I love to go out dancing in the evening, but I find I can't dance in high heels with a lot of straps on my feet," she said.

She also walks a lot, and finds she needs low heels to do it comfortably.

For her spring fashion collection, Miss Cashin used ballet slippers from Capezio, which she dyed in colors to go with her clothes.

"They're not the most elegant solution," she conceded, "but it's hard to find simple shoes that are not too clunky or spindly."

Play World Changes With Adult Attitudes

NEW YORK (AP) — The play world of children is a miniature reflection of the real world, said Anson Isaacson, who has been involved in toy designing for 30 years.

As life-styles and attitudes of adults change, there is a corresponding shift in the area of toys and games, added the managing partner of the Marvin Glass and Associates design firm.

"Everything they see and hear has a strong effect on children — the television entertainment and news programs they're exposed to, the conversation in the home, what people are wearing. You couldn't sell a doll with the wrong kind of clothing today."

"For instance, there's a new doll on the market this year that has outfits and equipment to play at sports activities like tennis, golf, baseball. Girls are getting into sports now and six-year-olds know this and respond to it."

The trick, the designer said, is to look ahead, to have the toy developed and ready for the market by the time a trend becomes an established fact.

"What we have today is a movement back to hero worship, after the anti-establishment period in the '60s. It has brought a big revival of Su-

perman, Batman and real-life heroes such as Evel Knievel."

Current events have also contributed to the surge of interest in "family games," Isaacson noted. Such factors as the economy and problems of drugs and safety in the street have made parents eager to have their children stay at home.

Though toys have become more sophisticated and have increased greatly in quality, basically they have not changed, Isaacson said. There are innovations in design, in the marketing concept, but to a great degree all new toys are variations on the old ones.

"As for quote, education, unquote, toys, they're a myth, an intellectual snobbishness," he declared. "If a child plays with a toy, amuses himself, fantasizes, manipulates it, he is getting all the education he needs."

"Up to a certain age playing with toys is a child's business; it gives him an important part of his experience. He learns to play with other children and in older age groups he learns discipline by following the rules in playing games. You can't make a game with rules and sell it to very young children."

The area of games is where boys and girls play together a great deal but otherwise, Isaacson said, there are still

many toys strictly for girls or strictly for boys.

"Everybody in the toy business is hunting for that big toy that will appeal to both boys and girls. But you won't sell many football games for girls or Miss America games for boys."

"Boys like a lot of action, gusto and mayhem. Toy soldiers, guns and any war toys meet with great social disfavor and you're on thin ice with cowboys and Indians. So I hunted around for a theme to satisfy what the kids want and came up with pirates, which are socially acceptable. They provide adventure, costumes, swashbuckling, but don't meet with objections like tanks and guns."

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VANCOUVER (CP) — More than 300 Chilcotin residents have taken advantage of a newspaper publisher's offer to send telegrams to the B.C. government urging it to end the B.C. Railway strike.

Allan Black of Vancouver, publisher of the twice-weekly Williams Lake Tribune, said in an interview Monday that the response would have been

even greater if a 24-hour deadline Friday had been extended.

He said the telegrams cost him about \$500 and that an additional 50 telegrams were not sent because the writers feared reprisals if their names were used.

Black, who said he is "upset with the lack of straight business sense," being

shown by the B.C. government, said he doesn't know the messages in the telegrams because they were sent as private messages.

Vancouver lawyer Dalton Larson has been appointed industrial inquiry commissioner to help end the strike which started Nov. 21.

Larson, who met representatives of the company and the

530 maintenance workers organized in five unions during the weekend, said he hopes trains will be running early in 1975.

The company's last offer would increase wages and benefits by 19.5 per cent in nine months.

The unions have suggested a 30.6-per-cent increase for the same period.

60-Mile Slick On Japan Coast

HIROSHIMA (Reuter) — A 60-mile-long oil slick in Japan's Seto inland sea has caused extensive damage to coastal fisheries and the shoreline, the maritime safety agency said Monday.

The oil slick was caused by a leak from a refinery storage tank.

The agency said 500 vessels were using chemicals to disperse the oil.

RUSTLING FINES HIT

KAMLOOPS (CP) — The president of the B.C. Cattle-men's Association said the association is annoyed at what it considers to be meaningless fines imposed recently after an attempted cattle theft.

Morrie Thomas of Okanagan Falls, said in a news release Monday that fines of \$150 each against three men charged in the attempted theft theft near Quesnel were incredible.

He said a man was fined \$500 in Princeton for killing a female elk and a youth fined the same amount at Blue River for shooting a salmon.

"Yet a rancher who has

enough trouble trying to make a living by producing much needed beef for Canadians, loses a calf and the people responsible get meaningless fines," he said in the release.

Attica Charges Dropped

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Charges have been dismissed or reduced against eight men accused of participating in the 1971 riot at Attica prison.

The state attorney general asked for the court action through his office, but refused to comment.

Papers filed by the state said the move was taken "in the interest of justice," but did not elaborate. State Supreme Court Justice Carmion F. Ball compiled and dismissed five indictments Monday.

As a result, only two of the eight men still face any charges.

Forty-seven other men are still charged in the rebellion, in which 43 persons were killed.

Five of the 62 men originally indicted on riot charges have pleaded guilty to reduced charges, and two others have been killed.

Only two men have come to trial on charges stemming from the riot. One of the two, Vernon LaFrance, was found not guilty of possessing a contraband tear gas gun by a jury last Friday. The other, Willie Smith, had charges against him dismissed by State Supreme Court Justice Frank R. Bayger before his case could reach a jury.

Charges dismissed Monday included coercion, second degree kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, sodomy and sexual abuse and assault.

Man Acquitted on Insanity In Murder Attempt Charge

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man who believed that he was Jesus Christ and that all others were inhabitants of hell has been acquitted of an attempted murder charge on the grounds he was insane.

A B.C. Supreme Court jury on the recommendation of the crown and the suggestion of Mr. Justice R. P. Anderson, recommended Monday that Edward William McDiarmid, 20, be held at Riverview Mental Hospital for an indefinite stay.

McDiarmid was charged after a woman was stabbed twice in the back and twice in the chest while she was walking along a downtown street Jan. 9.

Psychiatrist R. L. Whitman said that in an interview with McDiarmid after the attack, the man said he had no recollection of what happened and told Dr. Whitman that the last thing he remembered was having a drink.

The psychiatrist said McDiarmid announced to him that he was Jesus Christ and that all others were inhabitants of hell.

The psychiatrist said that the man described hell as

something not involving flames but a life in which one is told by women every minute what to do.

The psychiatrist added that McDiarmid appeared to be remarkably unconcerned, almost amused, at the attempted murder charge.

Whitman said he believes McDiarmid was suffering from desired delusions brought about by the mental illness of paranoid schizophrenia and at the time of the incident did not appreciate what he was doing and did not know that it was wrong.

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Tony C. Offers Apologies; Starts Work on Comeback

BOSTON (AP) — Nearly blinded by a beating in 1967, now on the eve of his 30th birthday and out of baseball for 3½ years, Tony Conigliaro is determined to make a comeback with Boston Red Sox.

"I'm no way ready now, but I just feel I'm going to make it," the one-time feared slugger said today in an interview. "I just got back from working out in Florida and feel good."

"However, I'm not going to talk about making it back—I'm going to work at it. It's not going to be easy, but I'm

just thankful at being given the chance."

Conigliaro broke in with the Red Sox as a lanky 19-year-old outfielder in 1964. He hit 24 homers as a rookie and the next year led the American League with 32.

He went on to become the youngest player in history to hit 100 homers. Then came the near fatal beating. With the Red Sox en route to the pennant in August, 1967, Tony was hit by a pitch. His left cheek was shattered and he was nearly blinded.

He watched the World Series that year from the

bench and sat out the entire 1968 season. He surprised everyone, including doctors, with a successful comeback in 1969. Then he was traded to California Angels, with harsh words for Boston general manager Dick O'Connell and the Red Sox.

Unhappy with the Angels, himself and with deteriorating vision in the left eye, Conigliaro quit baseball in July, 1971. He returned home a disconsolate young man.

Tony tried singing at his nightspot, Tony C's, in nearby Nahant. He also operated an adjacent golf course and a health club.

"I was given my release by

the Angels and didn't think seriously of baseball for a long while," he said. "Then I got the urge and talked to Mr. O'Connell. I apologized for past remarks and he was very gracious. He told me to get an eye exam and give things a try."

"The eye doctors gave the okay and Mr. O'Connell allowed me to go to Winter Haven (Fla.) and work out."

"I worked out for 13 straight days, hitting, running, throwing, doing calisthenics, doing everything. I gained a lot of strength back and weigh 190, just what I like to play at."



TONY CONIGLIARO . . . swinging for comeback

Czechs Rated Biggest Threat To Soviets in Junior Tourney

WINNIPEG (CP) — Canada meets the United States in the opening game Thursday of the world junior hockey tournament and that is perhaps one of the few breaks the host team will get in the 15-game round-robin tournament.

"The schedule does us a favor in that we're playing the U.S. first," said Jackie McLeod, one of the two Canadian coaches. "They play more our style than any of the others so our guys won't have to change too much."

That's a break for the Canadian team, consisting of players from the Western Canada Hockey League, because they have been together for less than one week, hardly time enough to prepare to meet teams from Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and the defending champion Soviet Union.

"It's unfortunate we did not have more time to practice, but we have all knowledgeable players and that's the big thing," McLeod said. "And the

guys are all in shape; if we had to get them into shape, then we'd be in big trouble."

Games in the six-team, 10-day, total-point tournament will be held in Winnipeg, Brandon, Man., Minneapolis and Fargo, N.D. The final two Canadian games, against Czechoslovakia on Jan. 1 and Russia on Jan. 5 will be televised on the full CTV network.

The Soviet team will consist of players from 15 different first and second division clubs

and is probably the only Soviet aggregation to play in international competition in which Moscow players do not dominate.

Czechoslovakia is expected to present the most formidable hurdle for the Soviets. One of the most experienced teams in the tournament, Czechoslovakia has only five players who will be eligible for the tournament next year.

The Russians have at least nine, as does the U.S. The Canadian team, while it has no international experience to speak of, has only four players who will be eligible for the competition next year.

Tournament schedule:
Dec. 26 — Canada vs. United States, Winnipeg; Russia vs. Finland, Brandon.
Dec. 28 — Canada vs. Sweden, Winnipeg; Czechoslovakia vs. Finland, Brandon.
Dec. 29 — Russia vs. Czechoslovakia, Winnipeg.
Dec. 30 — Canada vs. Finland, Winnipeg; Sweden vs. United States, Fargo, N.D.
Dec. 31 — Russia vs. United States, Minneapolis.
Jan. 1 — Sweden vs. Finland, Winnipeg; Canada vs. Czechoslovakia, Winnipeg.
Jan. 2 — Czechoslovakia vs. United States, Minneapolis; Russia vs. Sweden, Winnipeg.
Jan. 3 — Finland vs. Russia, Winnipeg; Finland vs. United States, Minneapolis; Czechoslovakia vs. Sweden, Brandon.

Trottier Sets Brisk Pace But Bridgman Boosts Lead

Bryan Trottier of Lethbridge Broncos may be wondering what he has to do to close the gap on Mel Bridgman of Victoria Cougars in the Western Canada Hockey League scoring race.

Trottier has earned at least one point in each of the Broncos' last 17 games, yet Bridgman widened his lead over Trottier to 15 from 12 points during the last week of play.

League statistics released Monday night show Bridgman with 37 goals and 52 assists for 89 points to lead the loop

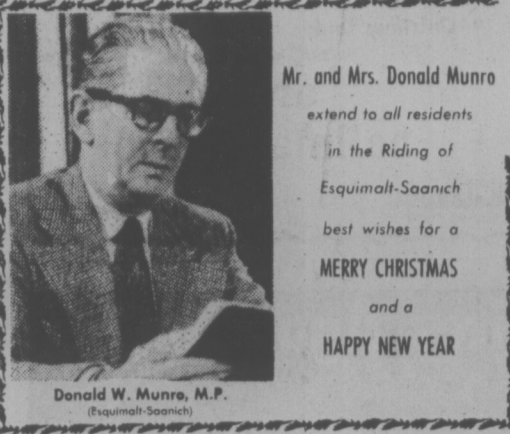
in all three categories. Trottier has 24 goals and 50 assists for 74 points.

Lethbridge rookie Brian Sutter remained third with 65 points, followed by Peter Morris of Victoria with 63 and Rick Blight of Brandon Wheat Kings with 60.

Mark Earp of Kamloops Chiefs is the top goalie with a goals-against average of 3.32. Jerry Farwell of Medicine Hat Tigers is second at 3.39, followed by Bill Oleschuk of Saskatoon Blades at 3.59.

Regina Pat goalie Ed Stan-

lowski broke a WCHL record for games played by a goalie with three appearances last week to bring his four-year total of 174. Jack Cummings held the old record of 173 with Edmonton and Vancouver in 1971-73.



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Don Murdoch, Med. Hat	31	26
Jim Minor, Reg.	23	34
Dale Lucas, Vic.	22	37
Dale McMullin, Bran.	22	33
Alex Tibe, Leth.	22	32
Don Ashby, Cal.	22	28
Rich Gosselin, F.	19	22
Brad Gosselin, Kam.	22	30
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UVic Vikings Open Against Scorpions

Victoria Scorpions and the University of Victoria Vikings are scheduled to clash this weekend when Victoria-area basketball fans get their annual opportunity to watch a two-in-one tournament at the UVic gymnasium.

Scheduled Friday and Saturday is a hoop festival that

combines the four-team, third annual UVic Christmas Classic for senior men's teams and the 14th annual Bob Whyte Memorial Classic, a six-team contest for high school boys' squads.

Scorpions, currently leading the Dogwood Senior "A" Men's League by four points,

and the Vikings, sharing first place with Alberta Golden Bears in the Canada West University Athletic Association league, tangle at 8:30 p.m. in what promises to be the highlight of Friday's collegiate contests.

University of British Columbia Thunderbirds go against Western Washington Vikings at 4:30 p.m. in Friday's other Christmas Classic game.

Georges P. Vanier Towhees of Courtenay and Hanley Composite Titans of Edmonton square off at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the opening game of high school tourney. In other games, Terrace Kermodes and Semiahmoo Totems of White Rock clash at 12:30 p.m. and Lake Cowichan Thunderbirds meet Victoria Totems at 2:30.



APPOINTED head football coach at University of Washington Monday was Don James (above). Replacing Jim Owens, who retired last month after 18 seasons as head coach at Kent State University in Ohio. While at Kent State, James compiled a 25-18-1 record, including a 7-4 record in 1973.

British Golf Still Healthy

LONDON (AP)—While the rest of British sport takes a battering from economic storms, professional golf heads into 1975 almost undamaged.

John Jacobs, head of the British professional golf circuit, has announced that sponsors have put up prize money totalling \$1,509,600 for 1975.

The total is \$33,600 less than the 1974 figure. Other sports, such as tennis and auto racing, have been badly hit by commercial sponsors withdrawing their support.

Next year is important for British golf because the Ryder Cup matches against the United States are set for Sept. 19-21 at Laurel Valley, Pa. Britain's top golfers will play the year's circuit for points which will decide the composition of the Ryder Cup team.

"Things were not looking at all good a few weeks ago," Jacobs said. "We lost some sponsors. But now new sponsorship has come in and we are in good shape."

An insurance group dispelled Jacobs' worries by taking over the British match play championship and offering \$48,000 for it. The same firm already had promised \$72,000 to help promote the Ryder Cup team.

Since Jacobs took over the running of the British pro circuit five years ago, he has gradually pushed up the prize money total. It was \$600,000 in 1971, \$1,088,000 in 1972 and \$1,221,600 in 1973.

This year it rose to \$1,543,200. The 1975 figure has not reached that level yet, but there are some vacant dates in the calendar.

O.C. SOCCER STANDINGS

LONDON (CP)—Old Country soccer standings after Saturday's games:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

Team	W	T	L	P	Points
Ipswich	12	2	3	3	26
Everton	11	6	4	3	26
Man City	11	6	4	3	26
Liverpool	10	7	5	3	23
West Ham	10	7	5	3	23
Middlesbrough	10	7	5	3	23
Sheff Wed	10	7	5	3	23
Burnley	9	6	7	3	21
Newcastle	9	6	7	3	21
Derby	9	6	7	3	21
Wolverhampton	9	6	7	3	21
Sheff Utd	9	6	7	3	21
Leeds	9	6	7	3	21
Birmingham	9	6	7	3	21
Queens Pk	9	6	7	3	21
Coventry	9	6	7	3	21
Arsenal	9	6	7	3	21
Tottenham	9	6	7	3	21
Chelsea	9	6	7	3	21
Cardiff	9	6	7	3	21
Leicester	9	6	7	3	21
Luton	9	6	7	3	21

Division II

Team	W	T	L	P	Points
Man United	15	5	3	3	33
Sunderland	12	4	3	3	28
Norwich	10	8	4	3	26
West Brom	10	7	5	3	23
Hull	10	7	5	3	23
Cardiff	10	7	5	3	23
Aston	9	6	7	3	21
Bristol	9	6	7	3	21
Blackpool	9	6	7	3	21
Nottingham	9	6	7	3	21
Sheff Wed	9	6	7	3	21
Sheff Utd	9	6	7	3	21
Leeds	9	6	7	3	21
Birmingham	9	6	7	3	21
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Chelsea	9	6	7	3	21
Cardiff	9	6	7	3	21
Leicester	9	6	7	3	21
Luton	9	6	7	3	21

Division III

Team	W	T	L	P	Points
Blackburn	11	6	5	3	26
Crystal Palace	10	7	5	3	23
Swindon	10	7	5	3	23
Peterborough	10	7	5	3	23
Colchester	10	7	5	3	23
Preston	10	7	5	3	23
Port Vale	10	7	5	3	23
Charlton	10	7	5	3	23
Plymouth	10	7	5	3	23
Hereford	10	7	5	3	23
Wrexham	10	7	5	3	23
Southend	10	7	5	3	23
Watford	10	7	5	3	23
Walsall	10	7	5	3	23
Gillingham	10	7	5	3	23
Bury	10	7	5	3	23
Hull City	10	7	5	3	23
Grimsby	10	7	5	3	23
Huddersfield	10	7	5	3	23
Southampton	10	7	5	3	23
Brighton	10	7	5	3	23
Tranmere	10	7	5	3	23
Chesham	10	7	5	3	23
Aldershot	10	7	5	3	23

Division IV

Team	W	T	L	P	Points
Manfield	14	5	4	3	31
Shrewsbury	13	4	4	3	28
Lincoln	12	4	4	3	26
Rotherham	12	4	4	3	26
Chesham	12	4	4	3	26
Newport	12	4	4	3	26
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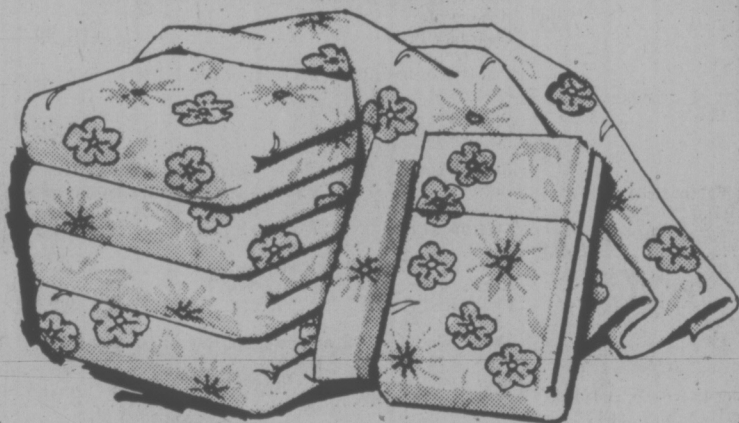
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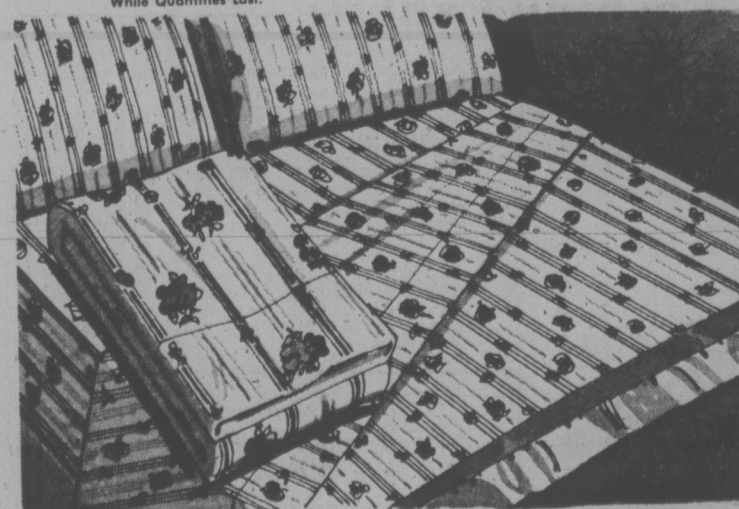


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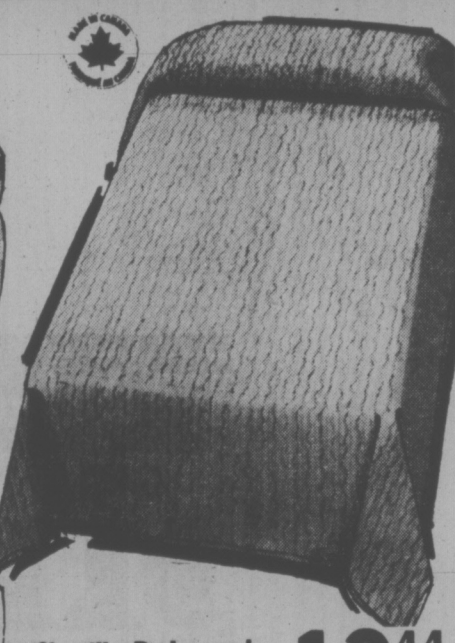
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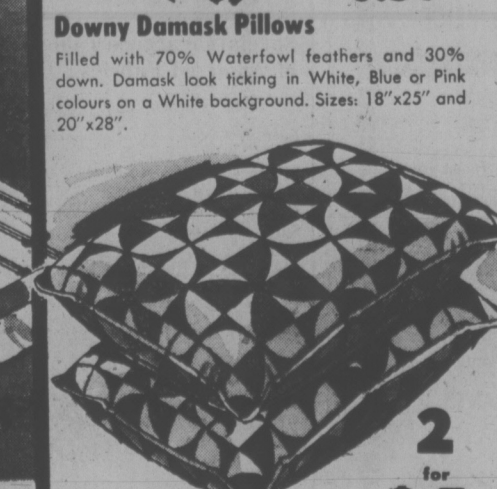
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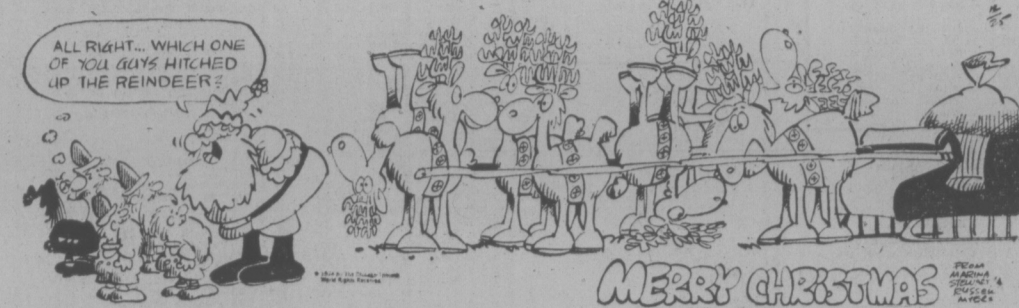
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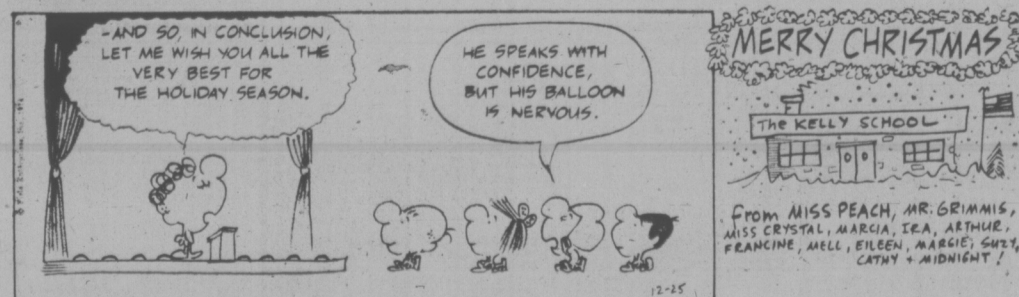
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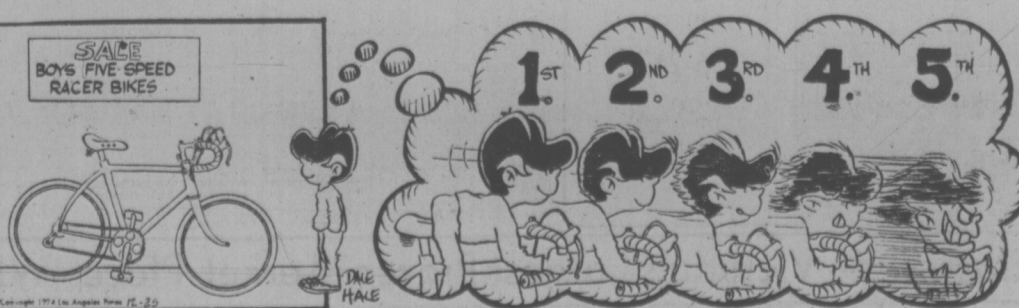
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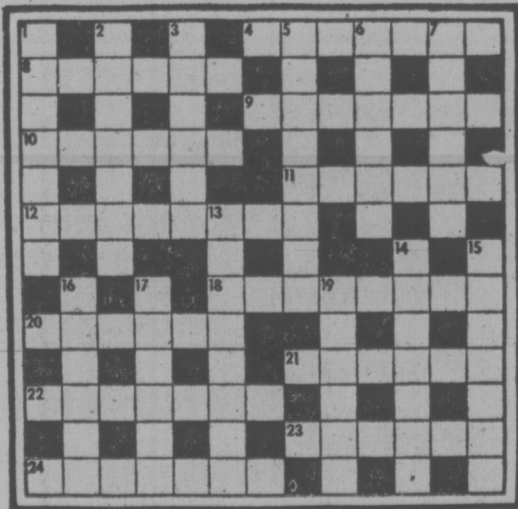
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| 14 Airways | DOWN | 17 Seance |
| 15 Macaws | 2 Ire | 19 Three |
| 16 Relief | 3 Crown | 21 Rod |
| 18 Seepage | 4 Batman | |

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 4 See 18 Across | 1 They display bathroom equipment (7) |
| 8 See 9 Across | 2 The scope of the Bard? (7) |
| 9 and 8Ac. Just the mounts that people put their shirts on! (7-6) | 3 and 23Ac. His work is eventually enveloped (6-6) |
| 10 It needs considerable resources to change the law (6) | 5 I denigrate a Cypriot, maybe (8) |
| 11 Lower profit by the girl (6) | 6 This is existing in the agreement I typed (6) |
| 12 Held back by trade being in the red? (8) | 7 Merciless sounding needle (6) |
| 18 and 4Ac. Authorisation needed by new members of a union (8-7) | 13 and 24Ac. Though it's learnt in college, it's practised at home (8, 7) |
| 20 Work hard to refashion rivets (6) | 14 One of the colours used for battle (7) |
| 21 Gives expression to the truest version (6) | 15 A resume to reform the law (7) |
| 22 First-class students (7) | 16 Lacking any definite scale for a beneficial medicine (6) |
| 23 See 3 Down | 17 Face that shows how old Violet is! (6) |
| 24 See 13 Down | 19 Sharp answer about legal misdeed (6) |



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The main idea of the heat is to keep out frost and to keep the air lively; that is, to prevent the damp chill which would otherwise be found in a totally unheated glass structure in our winters.

Paperwhite narcissus, the Soleil d'Or, and an outdoor early narcissus such as Cragford can all be flowered by Christmas and New Year if the bulbs are started in pots by mid September. Burying the pots outdoors where they will be cool and damp induces large root systems on the bulbs, and is the easiest method for the amateur. By early

December the pots are moved into the frost free greenhouse, given a shady place for a few days then moved gradually into full light on the benches.

Nothing is quite so wonderful as to be able to conduct Christmas callers into the greenhouse and let them choose their gift from among your sweet smelling display of plants.

A large pot or two of late flowering chrysanthemums will yield out flowers into January. The oldtime single flowered Godfreys were perfect for this purpose, the blooms lasting three to four weeks locally and a good 10 days when shipped by air. I wonder if anyone still grows these?

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2 Gov't Groups Sign Contracts

Two more component bargaining groups of the B.C. Government Employees Union have ratified first con-

tracts with the Public Service Commission, the union announced Monday. Ferry officers and engi-

neers, members of the marine services (licensed) component, voted 81 per cent in favor of the contract, said

union staff representative Peter Marshall.

Although a handful of ballots remain to be counted, he said they will not influence the 81 per cent figure "to any great degree."

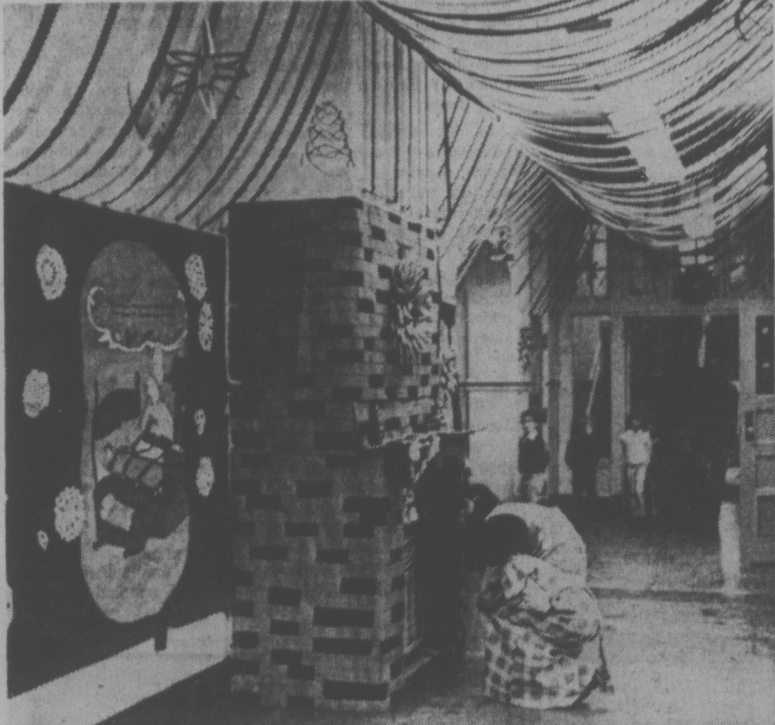
The agreement provides for a "substantial salary increase" and a cost-of-living clause in the 15-month contract which expires June 30, 1975, he said.

Employees represented by the educational and scientific component voted 87 per cent in favor of their first agreement. It includes a salary increase retroactive to April 1, a second salary increase retroactive to Oct. 1 and a cost-of-living clause next April 1.

The union also announced that a tentative settlement has been negotiated between the social and health services component and the commission.

Eight of the union's 13 components now have ratified individual agreements, two have reached tentative agreements and three are in negotiations.

Both the union and the commission have refused to release details of the wage agreements until all components have settled.



DECKED HALLS give a festive touch to Quadra elementary school, where Grade 6 and 7 students have hung streamers, constructed a Santa-sized chimney and done a series of murals illustrating The Night Before Christmas.

Cancer Program 'Life Saver'

The breast cancer screening program that the provincial cabinet has refused to finance could save the lives of 300 B.C. women each year, the president of the Victoria Medical Society said Monday.

"They (the cabinet) say flatly that they will not underwrite the costs of it because there is no public support for it," said Dr. George Rasmussen.

Rasmussen said he is unaware of any public survey done by the cabinet to determine whether people would support such a breast cancer detection program.

He said he thought there was not only public support but a great public need.

A thousand B.C. women die

each year from breast cancer, he said, and a third of them could be saved by a screening program.

The proposed program is to set up clinics in Vancouver and Victoria and later in several other communities in the province, as well as having travelling clinics visiting smaller towns.

Rasmussen said Health Minister Dennis Cocke supports setting up the clinic.

Estimated cost when the program is in full operation is \$1 million a year.

Rasmussen said he considered the cancer screening program akin to the tuberculosis screening clinics run in previous years, which were government financed.

Capital Spending Up 18.3 Per Cent

Capital and repair expenditures in British Columbia totalled \$5.17 billion in 1974, up 18.3 per cent from 1973, according to a revised forecast issued Monday by the provincial department of economic development.

The spending was 3.4 per cent higher than the amount forecast by the department at mid-year.

Total spending in 1973 had been \$4.37 billion.

The revised totals for 1974 were moderately higher than earlier forecasts for utilities, manufacturing and commercial, trade and finance projects.

Spending on primary industries and construction was slightly below earlier estimates.

Expenditures on utilities, mainly British Columbia Hydro projects, once again topped the list. Total capital and repair spending for 1974 was \$1.2 billion, up 20 per cent from \$1 billion in 1973.

Spending on the manufacturing sector totalled \$470 million, up from \$395 million last year while primary industries and construction accounted for \$700 million, up from \$585 million.

Total spending in the commercial, trade and commerce sector was \$555 million, up from \$472 million in 1974.

The revised totals were issued by the provincial government in advance of its report on the economic outlook for 1975, expected to be issued early in January.

Bridle Bits

By PHIL MERRICK

If horse-lovers could have their Christmas wishes all granted:

All horses would have tender loving care;

More miles of riding trails would be shared with other outdoor people;

Motorists would slow down when passing riders on the back roads;

Show judges would see our horses as we see them;

Next year's hay and grain crops would be bountiful.

So much for the wishes.

Here's some advice for people who get leather saddlery as Christmas gifts. They should give the leather a good dressing of their favorite conditioner before using.

Plain old-fashioned saddle soap is as good as anything, will affect color the least and will not take any time to dry, so that the tack can be used immediately. Use as little water as possible to get the soap on to the leather.

If we have a snowfall and your horse is shod, don't turn him loose to gallop around.

With shoes the snow will "ball up" in his feet and perhaps cause a bad fall.

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oz. Tin

Libby's Frozen **ORANGE JUICE** 5 1.00
6-oz. Tins

Boston **CORNER BEEF LOAF** 12 99¢
oz. Tin

Green Giant **NIBLET CORN** 2 69¢
12-oz. Tins

Husky **DOG FOOD** 2 55¢
26-oz. Tins

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Bridge Blast Plot

BOSTON (AP) — The FBI is investigating a possible plot to hinder school integration by blowing up bridges to South Boston.

"I am absolutely convinced" that such a plot exists, James Newpher, special agent in charge of the FBI office here, told a news conference.

Word of the plot first surfaced Friday and South Boston political leaders had denounced it as a hoax.

Newpher said the FBI had been investigating the plot since Oct. 24, but it was not revealed, partly because "we didn't want to get the people aroused in South Boston."

South Boston, a white, working class neighborhood, has been a centre of intense opposition to court-ordered school busing to achieve integration.

"Information was received that a group, both males and females, was formulating plans that would involve the destruction of bridges leading into South Boston from Boston, and the firebombing of certain parochial schools in South Boston," Newpher said.

He did not name the bridges. He said the conspirators met several times to discuss the plot and "according to information received, the purpose was to make it as inaccessible as possible for school buses transporting students between Boston and South Boston."

Missing MP Arrested By Australian Police

Times News Services
MELBOURNE — Police arrested missing British MP John Stonehouse today in a raid at a seaside suburb, ending a one-month world-wide search.

Stonehouse, whose disappearance from a Florida beach last month touched off an international manhunt, entered Australia Dec. 10 using a British passport in another name, police said.

Stonehouse was charged with entering the country illegally.

Detective Chief Supt. Mick Patterson said Stonehouse would probably go to court on Christmas Day.

He gave no explanation for Stonehouse's disappearance. After the arrest, Stonehouse sent a message to Prime Minister Harold Wilson today apologizing for the trouble his disappearance has caused.

He also expressed regret to all other persons involved in the situation created since he vanished.

The telegram was sent to the foreign office through the British consul-general in Melbourne.

Friends and relatives of Stonehouse, meanwhile, expressed surprise and delight that he has appeared unharmed.

British newspapers said dur-

ing the hunt police were checking charges that \$1.2 million disappeared from a trust fund overseen by Stonehouse. Press reports also said he insured his life for \$232,000 before his trip to Florida.

Josip Frolík, a defector now living in the United States under an assumed name, accused Stonehouse in 1969 of posing as a militant anti-communist while allegedly working as a double-agent for Czechoslovakia.

Wilson said the Czech intelligence agent's claims were investigated when he defected to the west and were found to be false.

Police said Stonehouse apparently flew to Melbourne from Hawaii seven days after his Miami disappearance, then visited Singapore and Denmark before returning to Australia Dec. 10. The same false passport had been used for an earlier visit to the U.S. and a trip to Lebanon.

They said the arrested man had been under police surveillance for two weeks.

Melbourne detectives had thought at one time Stonehouse might be Lord Lucan, who disappeared from Britain early last month and is being sought by Scotland Yard in

connection with the murder of his children's nurse and the attempted murder of his wife.

Patterson said Stonehouse had made no attempt to disguise himself and seemed un-

aware that he had been under surveillance.

"He seemed extremely relieved to have it over when I spoke to him," the superintendent said.



PARKS NATURALIST Jennifer Beckett explains life cycle of salmon to group at Goldstream Park during recent spawning run. Naturalists are available to youth or adult groups in

Victoria, who should write Interpretation Division, Parks Branch, Dogwood Building, 1019 Wharf Street, Victoria.

3 HAMMER BLOWS OPEN YEAR OF CONCILIATION

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul strikes a silver hammer on the holy door of St. Peter's Basilica shortly before midnight tonight to open a holy year dedicated to reconciliation within the Roman Catholic Church and throughout the world.

The ceremony preceding the annual Christmas Eve midnight mass in the basilica

will be carried by television in 45 countries.

The holy door, walled up for the 25 years between holy years, was dismantled brick by brick last week, leaving only an outside layer for the Pope's hammer to strike three times. Then from inside, ropes will be used to pull the door down.

In his annual Christmas address to the college of cardinals Monday, Pope Paul said the beginning of the holy year finds the world "floundering on the edge of the abyss."

He cited the violence in Northern Ireland, Vietnam and the Middle East and stressed the significance of the Holy Land to Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

"How much we desire that Jerusalem, instead of being the object of continuing strife, may become the crossroads of a fraternal encounter of all those who believe in one God and the symbol of peace for the peoples of the Holy Land and all the peoples of the Middle East," the pontiff said.

In proclaiming the 1975 holy

year, Pope Paul said earlier he hoped it would lead to spiritual renewal in men, reconciliation among them, and within his own church an end to dissidence and the challenges to dogma.

This is Pope Paul's second close involvement in holy year observances. In 1950 as the Vatican's substitute secretary of state, he helped prepare Pope Pius' mid-century holy year that drew 1.5 million pilgrims.

The Vatican estimates this time about two million will visit Rome.

The first jubilee holy year was held in 1300 by Pope Boniface, who stipulated they should take place every 100 years.

In 1389 Pope Urban reduced the time to 33 years to correspond with the belief that Jesus Christ lived that many years. Then in 1470 Pope Paul II ruled they should be held every quarter of a century.

Jubilee years have been held regularly since then except in the 19th century, because of political turmoil at the time.

\$27.5 Million Set Aside for OFY 1975

OTTAWA (CP) — The Opportunities for Youth program will cost the government \$27.5 million in 1975 to be spent on student summer employment, the manpower department announced Monday.

In 1974, \$30.5 million was pumped into the OFY summer program. The program provides work for high school and post-secondary students between the ages of 16 and 23. The department said in a news release that areas with

severe job shortages and where the private sector cannot meet student employment needs will be given priority.

A total of \$87 million to be spent by the government on student employment next summer had been announced earlier this month.

Those employed by the OFY program will receive maximum salaries of \$80 a week for high school students and \$110 for post-secondary students. Projects may be funded for up to 16 weeks between May 5 and Sept. 15 next year.

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5⁴⁹ to 10⁴⁹

Warner's Open Girdle lightweight with reinforced front panel for more control. White and beige. M and L and XL. Style No. 562.

5.99

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Long Leg Panty style No. 561.

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Daisy Fresh Brief tiny but terrific with rubber tread grip to hold panty hose. White or beige. M, L and XL. Style No. 6907.

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Daisy Fresh Panty Girdle with figure magic, reinforced sides and front. White or beige. M, L, XL and XXL. Style No. 6942.

9.99

Corselettes and Girdles

5⁹⁹ to 16⁹⁹

Warner's Corselette pull-on style lightweight power net lycra. Double panels front and back. Lace cup, six hose holders. White, B and C 34-38. Style No. 3177.

16.99

Youthcraft Girdle double spandex panels in M, L, XL and XXL. Style No. 431. White.

7.99

Average Panty Girdle. Style No. 433.

9.59

Long Torso Pantie Girdle. Style No. 4433.

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Nemo Girdle criss-cross bands at front. Satin elastic back panel. White. 30-38 waist. Style No. 8402.

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Floor of Fashion

Go out or stay home
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14⁹⁹ to 59⁹⁹

Highly printed or plain as you please, sleeves brief or to-the-wrist. The dresses short. The gowns long and billowy. And your choice of Arnel triacetate prints or Banlon polyester knits. Both comfortable and "classy". Broken sizes 8-20, and 14 1/2 to 24 1/2 in the group. Come in and look us over, try on more than a few.

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Millinery specials
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3⁹⁹ to 59⁹⁹

Top hat specials, the best quality at the best prices around! Styles are the latest and the color selection good. Choose from furs, felts and knits.

Millinery, Dept. 204,
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Pacesetter fashions
specially priced at

1⁹⁹ to 19⁹⁹

Mix 'n match co-ordinates in today's pacesetter styles. Blazers, skirts, shirts, pants, all come in assorted colors. Choose your look in fabrics, such as polyester gabardine, cotton/corduroy and velvet, tweeds. Sizes 7 to 15.

Junior Sportswear, Dept. 346,
Floor of Fashion

Long skirt clearance
in Young Flair Shop

19⁹⁹

Choose a long skirt for evening or casual. Make your selection from corduroy, donegal tweeds, velvet, crepe and polyester prints. Lots of styles to choose from. So you can be sure you'll find one to suit you, some are belted. Sizes 7 to 15.

Young Flair Shop, Dept. 241,
Floor of Fashion

After five dresses
long or short now only

19⁹⁹ to 24⁹⁹

Don't miss out on getting your New Year's party dress at these exceptional prices! All the latest styles to choose from in variety of colors: pastels, neutrals, red, black and multi-color prints. Assorted fabric selection. Sizes 7 to 15.

Young Flair Shop, Dept. 241,
Floor of Fashion

Sportswear now at
clear-out prices

5⁹⁹ to 24⁹⁹

Take a look in the women's sportswear dept. to find the money-saving buys! Clearance of famous maker brands in fall colors of green, brown, and plaids. Mostly Fortrel polyester blends, also some lurex metallic in the group. Broken size range.

Women's Sportswear, Dept. 246,
Floor of Fashion

Shop early and save!
Popular Priced fashions

99^c to 19⁹⁹

Choose from a wide selection of skirts, blouses, pantsuits, pants, pant tops, vests, jackets, sweaters (shell, short and long sleeve, cardigan styles). Assorted colors and fabrics. Broken sizes: 8-15, 10-20, 38-44.

Popular Priced Sportswear,
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Lingerie clearance
something for you

4⁹⁹ to 49⁹⁹

Group includes sleepwear, long or short gowns in fabric selection: loungewear, long or short robes, also, hostess gowns; nylon slips with tricot lace trim. Good color choice. Traveller's samples: sleepwear and loungewear in group, mostly S. and M. 5.99-29.99.

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Quality dress shoes
at clearance prices

10⁹⁹ to 23³³

Good quality dress shoes in assorted styles. Color choice of black, blue and brown. Made of suede, leather and patents. Pumps or sandal styles in a variety of heel heights: dress heels, walking heels. Sizes 5 1/2-10, AA, AAA and B widths.

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Valued savings now
women's tops only

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Pullovers in assorted round and scoop necks. Long or short sleeve styles. Made of machine washable polyester, nylon and acrylic. Good color choice. Small, medium, large.

Basic pull-on pants
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Moderate flare leg pants have comfortable elasticized waistband. Made of machine washable polyester knit. Pull-on styling. Assorted colors. Sizes 12-18, 38-44.

Cardigan sweaters, too
are at a savings now

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Long sleeve cardigan sweaters have button front closing, round neckline. Hand washable acrylic knit in navy, berry, brown and beige. Sizes S.M.L. and 38-44.

Make your choice
a turtleneck and save

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You get style, easycare, comfort and savings when you purchase these all cotton turtlenecks. Long sleeve styles. Royal, white, beige, blue, Small, medium, large.

Women's fashion
clearance on now

99^c to 9⁹⁹

Budget fashion grouping includes dresses, blazers, jackets, blouses, skirts plus more! All washable fabrics in assorted colors. Broken size and color selection available.

Budget Store, Lower Main Floor



In Mexico, they say that the poinsettia came from the tears of a little girl. Legends have it that one Christmas Eve, this little girl knelt and wept with sorrow because she did not have a gift to offer the Child Jesus in the chapel. As she rose from her knees — she saw springing up at her feet the most gorgeous and vivid crimson blooms. She plucked the branches of this plant and carefully laid them by the Nativity scene. The poinsettias were the little girl's offering of love. A beautiful, peaceful, and simple gift. This Christmas — we hope poinsettias blaze with love in your heart. Merry Christmas.

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 Christmas Day: Clearing

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'TIS THE NIGHT before Christmas and the Fowlers of 4394 Torrington Place like many Victorians have gathered around the Christmas tree to await The Day that each year brings back the meaning of family. For children like Stacy, Mike and Jim, their stockings hung in anticipation, the day means a royal visit from Old Saint Nick, but for Garth and his wife Joan, Christmas means the warmth of family togetherness. (John McKay photo)

NICKELS, DIMES
 ADD UP TO JOY

Two groups of small boys will go to bed tonight, blessed with the spirit of Christmas in its truest sense.

They are members of the 5th Cedar Hill and 1st Cedar Hill Beaver colonies (Junior Cubs of five to seven years of age).

Saving some nickels and dimes, earning others, they've learned the lesson some adults never learn: giving is one of the biggest joys of Christmas.

Between them, they've donated \$17 to the United Service Committee, to be spent on children to whom Christmas Day is just like any other, a day where hunger is always the unseen guest at the family table.

Touched by the plight of children in Bangladesh, Vietnam and other countries where war-orphaned children know no Holy Night, one of the young Beavers gave up a birthday dollar to help.

For 30 years the USC has been waging a quiet but determined war against hunger and want in Africa and Asia, its supply lines kept open by thousands of Canadians, who like the Beaver groups, believe Christmas to be an all-the-year-round affair.

The consistent Canadian help has no political undertones. Although the USC concentrates on helping the hard-hit people of these needy countries take their own first steps back toward self-sufficiency, there is no enforcing of Western methods and attitudes that could confuse those the USC seeks to serve.

Victorians are being asked to donate \$22,785 for the USC this holiday season, enough to buy and ship a single carload of powdered milk overseas.

To hungry children waiting to receive it, the powdered milk will be a symbol of peace.

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Top CIA Domestic Spy
 Quits Under Pressure

Times News Services

WASHINGTON — James Angleton, named in published reports as overseer of alleged illegal spying by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, told The Associated Press today he has resigned as head of the agency's counter-intelligence operations.

Angleton's resignation became known after President Ford ordered State Secretary Henry Kissinger to get a report from the CIA "within a matter of days" on allegations of spying on U.S. citizens within the United States.

A spokesman for Kissinger said Monday that the secretary "has never seen any survey of American citizens by the CIA and he doesn't know if any such survey exists."

But later, administration sources disclosed that a CIA survey titled Restless Youth crossed Kissinger's desk in March, 1969.

The document, described as a general, philosophical discussion of the youth movement abroad with references to the attitudes of U.S. students and youth during the 1960s.

The CIA is prohibited by law from conducting intelligence or counter-intelligence operations within the U.S. That is the FBI's responsibility.

Documents obtained by Senator Howard Baker (Rep. Tenn.) during his inquiry into the CIA's possible involvement in Watergate contained "references to an apparent CIA file" on columnist Jack Anderson.

A source within the CIA confirmed the existence of such a file and said it had been maintained by the U.S. intelligence board, a committee whose members include the heads of the government's various intelligence services.

Angleton had come to the attention of one of the congressional investigations of Watergate.

A source familiar with that investigation said he got the clear impression that Angleton's operation was very secret and was feared by other CIA employees.

CRIME CHOPPED

VANCOUVER (CP) — A would-be robber found Monday that his pocket knife was no match for grocery store owner Chuck Chow's 12-inch meat cleaver.

Two policemen arrived at the store to see Chow running along the street, waving the cleaver at a man.

The officers joined the chase, but the suspect evaded both Chow and the police.

Chow told police a man pulled a knife and demanded all the money in the store.

Chow said he refused, ran into the kitchen to call police and then grabbed the meat cleaver.

Trudeau in the Swim...

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau has accepted the gift of an indoor swimming pool from an anonymous group of donors.

A spokesman for his office said Monday night that cost figures are not available and "I don't know what the prime minister's contribution is to be."

William Fader, a Toronto physician and spokesman for the group, said Monday in a news release that the pool would be built at the prime minister's official residence.

Fader said later the identity and number of donors as well as the cost of the indoor-outdoor facility at 24 Sussex Drive will remain a secret. He said funds for the pool will be administered in a trust fund in Toronto that has been established under his name.

Herbert Brune, owner of a local construction company which has been approached to undertake the project, said the pool will measure 40 by 20 feet and be located on the side of the residence.

B. R. Wellman, a local swimming pool builder, said the cost of a fully-equipped pool that size is about \$15,000. Cost of a building to enclose the pool would be another \$30,000.

Fader said the idea of building the pool occurred to him in the hall when he heard about U.S. presidents having the use of such private physical fitness facilities.

As a result, he made contact with some friends in Toronto about a month ago. He said he met Trudeau and "another person" about three weeks ago, then began to plan building the pool.

The pool will be the second major addition to the prime minister's household in the last two weeks. A new limousine costing more than \$83,000 was purchased by the government for the prime minister two weeks ago.

Canada Protests
 Meddling by U.S.

Times News Services

OTTAWA — Canada today sent a strong diplomatic note to the U.S. protesting "intolerable interference" by a U.S. firm in ordering a Canadian subsidiary to halt a \$500,000 sale to Cuba.

The U.S. parent firm feared that should the sale go through, it might run afoul of the U.S. Trading With The Enemy Act.

A note now is being delivered to the U.S. state department outlining the government's position that "this interference in Canadian corporate activity is not acceptable..." Trade Minister Alastair Gillespie said.

Washington embassy officials are to meet state department representatives later today about the issue, he said.

While Litton's U.S. directors vetoed the sale after a check Gillespie was commenting at a news conference on the decision by directors of Litton Industries Inc. of Beverly Hills, Calif., to stop a furniture sale to Cuba negotiated by its Toronto-based subsidiary, the Cole Division of Litton Business Equipment Ltd.

After the U.S. directors learned informally the enemy trading act probably would be applied against the sale, they ordered Cole to drop the order.

Gillespie today met Cole president W. J. Phillips, who has stated publicly that he intends to proceed with the sale.

Gillespie advised Phillips to tell the U.S. parent company that if the U.S. directors of Cole fear reprisal under the enemy trading act, they should be fired and replaced by Canadian directors.

All Cole's directors are U.S. citizens and residents.

They might be subject to fines and jail terms of up to 10 years should the Canadian company proceed with the sale after the U.S. enemy trading act was invoked.

Cole president Phillips is a Canadian but he is not a director, nor are most of the other senior officers directors, Gillespie said.

The degree of direct U.S. government involvement in ordering that the sale be stopped is not clear yet, Gillespie said.

While Litton's U.S. directors vetoed the sale after a check with Washington, it wasn't known whether the U.S. government said a flat no to the deal.

This would be explored in the note that the external affairs department is sending the U.S. state department, he indicated.

LIQUOR TO JUMP
 40c A BOTTLE

Liquor prices will jump 40 cents a bottle in January when new federal taxes take effect in British Columbia.

Prices for rye currently start at just under \$6 a 26-ounce bottle.

Wine prices will also increase slightly but beer will not be affected.

A spokesman for the Liquor Administration Branch said he could not comment because it was branch policy not to issue a price statement until the new rates were announced to liquor store managers.

However, the Times learned from other sources that taxes will be passed along in January but not on present stock. The price change will take effect as soon as stock already on the shelves is sold.

Big Energy Crunch
 For U.S. Northwest

By MARJORIE NICHOLS
Special to The Times

The American Northwest is facing an energy crisis of gigantic proportions because of new federal taxes on natural gas producers, B.C. Attorney-General Alex Macdonald said Monday.

Macdonald, the minister responsible for energy policy, said in Vancouver that there will almost certainly be a shortfall in natural gas exports to the U.S. next winter of 400 million to 500 million cubic feet.

What this means, he said, is that B.C. will not be able to meet its commitment for export to Oregon, Washington and Idaho of about 800 million cubic feet a day.

About 70 per cent of all natural gas used in these three states now comes from B.C. If, as predicted, there is a shortfall of 500 million cubic feet, these states will be faced with a reduction of more than 50 per cent of needed supply.

The Vancouver press conference was attended by a representative of the U.S. consul general's office in B.C. Although the American official made no statements, other sources said the issue was being viewed gravely by the U.S.

Two years ago, when salt water leaks at several northern B.C. wells caused a minor cut-back in U.S. exports, officials in Oregon contemplated shutting down schools in the state to conserve energy.

Macdonald placed blame for the natural gas situation on the doorstep of Finance Minister John Turner and the new federal budget brought down Nov. 13.

"B.C. has received some bleak Christmas news... some staggering news," the attorney general said, before spelling out the implications for natural gas production as a result of the federal budget.

At issue is the "fair market value" of B.C. gas, which is

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Oil Firms Seeking
 One Cent Increase

OTTAWA (CP) — Oil companies are seeking increases of up to one cent a gallon on petroleum products effective next Wednesday, industry sources said today.

Government officials were not available for comment but one industry spokesman said Ottawa was sympathetic to the request.

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 Send your own WORDPLAY, care of this newspaper.

Firemen Pledge
 Emergency Aid

City firefighters guaranteed Monday that if they ever strike they will continue to respond to all emergencies to save people.

But property may simply be left to burn.

In this way, said Ross Cameron, president of the Victoria local of the International Association of Firefighters, the union hopes to avoid what happened in suburban Vancouver last summer when firefighters withdrew all services and were legislated back to work.

Cameron said the union is not contemplating a strike but has adopted a policy in case it has to strike. (See also Page 17.)

"In all events we will go to any emergency call and save life," he said, adding that this would be a voluntary unpaid service by the strikers.

"That may be the extent of our involvement."

The building might be allowed to burn, or the adjacent buildings might be made safe from the fire spreading, or the adjacent buildings might also be left unattended, he said.

"We have the right to strike and if necessary we should be allowed to utilize it," he said. "We hope our policy would allow a strike to continue."

Mayor Peter Pollen, interviewed during his round of Christmas well-wishing to municipal employees, said:

"To suggest that firemen are now telling the community what they are going to do, to me, is tantamount to blackmailing the community."

"As far as I am concerned the only community response has to be that we must seek volunteer people, not in the way of strikebreaking or being scabs, but volunteers that must assure the community its essential services."

Cloudy,
 Green
 Christmas

Snow will have to come direct from the North Pole courtesy of Santa and his reindeer if Victorians are to have a white Christmas.

The weather office has still not changed its prediction of cloud, with showers and possible clearing late Christmas day.

The Malahat had snow early this morning, but it disappeared quickly as temperatures climbed to the low 40s.

Boxing Day should be warmer with highs in the upper-40s and lows in the upper-30s, but clouds, rain and partial clearing is expected to continue.

TRASHMEN LIVE HIGH

PARIS (CP) — Four Paris garbage collectors had breakfast with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing this morning.

The workers — a Frenchman, two Malians and Senegalese — were working along the Avenue Marigny behind the Elysee Palace when their truck was stopped by a policeman who told them they were being offered breakfast by the president.

Giscard d'Estaing welcomed them into the ground-floor dining room and invited them to his table, along with his cabinet secretary, Philippe Sauzet, and a news agency photographer.

Breakfast was the traditional cafe au lait, toast and

croissants, although one of the guests, Mohammed Traore, a Moslem from Mali, was fasting for the Aid el Adha — feast of the sheep-festival, and, and confined himself to coffee.

Giscard d'Estaing gave each worker a Christmas present of a turkey and a bottle of champagne, then wished them an enjoyable day.

town talk

Yule Crush

More and more, jargon is replacing English in government circles. Here's part of the regional district planning department's contribution to the new language:

"With respect to transportation planning in the Capital Regional District, the suggested strategy is to look-up for a transportation study in 1975; this includes transportation model design, data collection and establishing terms of reference to govern a provincial-regional-municipal task force responsible for the formulation of a transportation plan in 1976."

"A similar approach also applies to the work tasks related to the Financial Impact Evaluation Model. 1975 is considered the start-up year for designing a model for evaluation development impact in the region in terms of capital cost and intake of revenue for major public services. In this endeavour the involvement of provincial agencies and municipalities would be sought to facilitate the implementation of various "hard" and "soft" service cost sharing formulae and long-term capital programmes and budgets."

Anyone for remedial English classes?

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A personal itinerary of visits to hospitals and sick and handicapped youngsters keeps entertainer Eddie Mack busy when he is not doing his professional act at the Red Lion. Eddie says he is "having a ball" in seeing the kids' response to his songs and comedy and winning grins and chuckles from the elderly and sick.

★ ★ ★



MACK
... he's grateful

Left voiceless by cancer, Mack says the power of thought and belief aided him in regaining his full health and vocal ability.

Because he's grateful, he is donating freely his spare time to entertaining those in need. He has visited up to now 24 groups and institutions, including service clubs, senior citizens, Memorial Pavilion, Matson Lodge, Gorge Road Hospital, Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals and the Victoria Heart Foundation.

★ ★ ★

Folks on Christmas Eve in Saanich seem to make a special effort to brighten their street with Christmas lights for the holiday season.

"We've never really planned it," said Mrs. R. P. Chamberlain of 1763 Christmas. "Everybody's just kind of done it and if somebody doesn't the rest of us just give them the gears."

★ ★ ★

Oops, de Havilland Aircraft's (side)slip was showing at last week's meeting of Victoria city council's caucus, when one of their top executives was giving an oh-so-slick sales pitch on the merits of STOL (short takeoff and landing) aircraft.

The executive referred to shortening the downtown-to-downtown travel time between Vancouver, Seattle and "Victoria Island." Aldermen winced, looked at each other but tactfully let the boo-boo fly overhead.

Christmas for children in seven orphanages and hospitals in San Diego, Calif., has a special Vancouver Island touch, thanks to the Canadian navy.

The Christmas trees in the seven institutions were felled at Rocky Point by officer cadets undergoing training aboard HMCS Yukon. When the Yukon was diverted from the Californian exercise, from which Esquimalt-based ships returned on the weekend, the crew of the destroyer-escort HMCS Mackenzie agreed to take Yukon's place and deliver the trees. Led by Sub-Lt. Dave Towns, a group of sailors made the delivery round with the gifts from Canada. They even went one better. They invited 45 of the children back to the ship for a Christmas party the next day, complete with Santa Claus and his helper, Lt. Walter Hahn, who outdid Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in popularity.

★ ★ ★

S. J. Petch, of 944 Nicholson has been driving buses on Vancouver Island for 31 years without an accident — best record by an Vancouver Island Coach Lines driver in the Victoria area.

He was one of 59 Coach Lines drivers to receive the annual \$25 bonus, safety button and certificate presented every December.

Petch said the pressure to preserve his record is minimal during the year but he starts to sweat a little near December.

"You can't help thinking about it near the end of the year," Petch has hopes of catching E. B. Churchill of Nanaimo who is tops in the company with 33 years. Petch at 52 has 13 driving years ahead of him, although a number of drivers retire in their early 60s.

Other Victorians with impressive safety records include Henry Schwenler with 26 years and Larry McLung with 24 years of accident-free driving.

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Ralph Dent of 1242 Oscar Street sends along his gratitude for a recent Ask The Times comment that Brazil nuts can best be extracted by freezing them.

"Why didn't I know this 50 years ago," he writes. "Not just cold — but frozen! They come out a whole kernel every time."

His refrigerator is full of nuts this week and the shells are opening very easily, he reports.

An alternate suggestion by a Times reader that nuts be boiled and then cut open with a knife is too messy, according to Dent's experiments.

"Just freeze them and use a nut cracker," he says.

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Saanich Ald. Les Passmore, 61, said Monday he has never been misquoted in 33 years of political life.

Attending his last council meeting, Passmore said: "I may be the only elected official in Greater Victoria who has never been misquoted. I've made some pretty stupid statements and regretted them later, but I can't remember being misquoted."

The blunt-speaking alderman, a consistent champion of modest-priced housing took special satisfaction his last civic action. It was to help ratify the bylaw for the provincial government's 260-unit housing complex, to be built in the Interurban-Marigold area.

★ ★ ★

Closing the downtown bus station before the last buses arrive seems a little strange and it had a New York tourist fuming this week.

She phoned Town Talk to say that she and passengers on three buses on the last ferry arrived at the downtown station at 10:40 p.m. last Friday — 10 minutes after the station closed.

"I just cannot believe you have ferries running that get you to the bus station when it is closed," she said.

"We couldn't get in to use the phone or the washroom or anything."

And the outside pay phone didn't work properly, robbing her of 20 cents before she gave up.

Vancouver Island Coach Lines manager Jack Thomas and general superintendent Wally Watson were reported on holidays. Perhaps when they get back they should take a look at what appears to be a justifiable complaint.

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A strange but true plea for assistance this Christmas was lodged among the lost and found ads today.

"Lost: a moose and rabbit from a black Cadillac in front of the Stardust Cabaret."

The two are "sadly missed" and "we would like them home for Christmas," says the ad.

It's no joke, the advertiser told Town Talk.

Asked for a description of the moose, the woman simply said: "It's dark brown and light brown."

But it's not roaming around Victoria streets. "It's stuffed," she explained, adding the two animals were favorite toys of her young son.

If spotted, both will be easy to snare and a young boy would be delighted to have his friends around for the Yuletide celebrations. Phone number is 598-1384.

Christmas crowds were bigger than ever this year but stores were beginning to notice the first signs of worry about a possible recession.

Bob Chorley, manager of The Bay, said crowds have never been bigger but this year they were avoiding the big ticket items such as pianos and large television sets, concentrating on lower-priced gifts.

Sales of the expensive items are normally brisk at this time of year.

However, volume of sales was up over last year, according to a preliminary estimate.

Crowds reached their peak on Monday and all major stores were crowded in the afternoon.

Lloyd Davies of the Downtown Victoria Association said the dollar value of Christmas

sales would be about 15 per cent above the 1973 level.

"Allowing for a 12 per cent rate of inflation this is a minor increase over last year. Over-all, the sales have been good."

A spokesman for F. W. Woolworth said the recession worries were evident even in the smaller items.

In past years, shoppers would come in and buy toys

by the handful. Now they were checking prices against other stores.

Woolworth's, like the department stores, also noted little action among the top-priced items but had brisk sales on the lowest-priced goods.

Sales were particularly strong in low-priced jewelry trinkets. The store had one clerk handling the counter in

1973 and had to have three clerks full-time this year because of the increased interest.

Last-minute shoppers seeking Christmas wrapping paper, however, may have been disappointed. There was a general shortage in Victoria with some stores running out before last weekend.

Jack McKernan, manager of the 63-store Hillside Shop-

ping Plaza, said the centre had its busiest day ever on Monday in terms of volume.

The shopping centre stores reported sales were brisk in what could be called practical items.

McKernan said a large number of shoppers appear to be buying clothes as gifts this year.

However, toys were selling as well as ever.

Shows in Selections

Cards as Usual

More Victorians have received Yuletide greetings by post this year, Victoria Post-

master Jim Deans said today. He said a decline in the volume of holiday mail being experienced in the U.S. hasn't happened here.

Post office employees processed 15 million pieces of first class mail this month in preparation for Christmas, an increase of 2.4 per cent, Deans said.

He also reports that the normal mail rush has been taken out of the Christmas season this year.

"It's a funny thing, but it doesn't seem like the Christmas rush at all."

He attributes the smooth operations to a lack of "usual transportation tie-ups that

seem to hit around the Christmas season, and good weather."

About 800 Christmas staff, boosted annually by about 200 workers to clear away vast volumes of mail, helped ease processing, he said.

Meanwhile U.S. postal officials report the holiday mail volume could be anywhere from five to 25 per cent smaller than in 1973, attributing the decline to concern over the economy and inflation.

"People have the money for cards and stamps, but they're afraid to spend it," said Larry Shelley, a U.S. Postal Service spokesman in Boston.

"They don't know what's coming next."

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SECOND SECTION



DADDY TAKES A REST while he discusses last-minute shopping plans at a Victoria department store. Most shoppers showed signs of weariness to-

day after hectic Monday buying, which was the busiest day ever for a number of major stores. (Bill Halkett photo)

Florence Lake Water Tested

The Pollution Control Branch is investigating charges that a mobile home park is polluting Florence Lake.

A spokesman for the branch said someone will be sent out today to begin testing water in the lake.

Axel Brock-Miller, spokesman for the Florence Lake Involvement Association, charged Monday that a dispersal field used for sewage from the Hidden Valley mobile home park has overflowed in heavy rains.

Pollution from the dispersal field is seeping into the lake.

The 104-member local residents get their drinking water from the lake, he said.

One couple with a small baby moved away, because they were worried about the quality of the water, said Brock-Miller.

Brock-Miller and his 100-member association have been long opposed to the Hidden Valley development.

The site is completely unsuited for a development of this kind," he said.

Laurel Benham, director of public health for the Capital Regional District, said he has seen no evidence to show effluent is going into the lake from any of Hidden Valley's dispersal fields.

All five fields are more than the 100 feet away from the lake that is required, he said.

Benham said his department has also investigated complaints by two residents of the mobile home park that fill is eroding under their homes.

He said the residents should be willing to provide evidence to catch water coming off their homes.

The lights around windows, roofs and domes give the buildings a distinctly festive look, particularly during the holidays.

Meanwhile, the bright orange shroud at the top of the central dome is to protect the statue of George Vancouver, taken down a few weeks ago for renovation and regilding.

The historic Prairie Inn in Central Saanich will become the first neighborhood pub in the Victoria area this week-end.

Owner Gavin Harper won approval of his pub application from the Liquor Administration Branch on Monday, and plans to open the inn either Friday or Saturday.

Harper said the new pub will be a place for residents to walk to for a pint or two in the evening, for a hot meal and for singalongs around the piano.

It will be open six days a week from 9 a.m. 'til 11 p.m., serving beer, wine and liquor

as is permitted in the neighborhood pub licence.

Harper said he isn't worried about getting customers, since the Prairie Inn will be the only pub between Sidney and Royal Oak.

"They've been knocking on the doors already," he said.

He said he hopes eventually to provide musical entertainment and space for dancing.

Built in 1893 at East Saanich Rd. and Mount Newton Crossroads, the Prairie Inn was the first pub on the Saanich Peninsula.

It eventually became a restaurant, but for the past year it has been closed.

'WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE'

The city firefighters' union wants negotiations thrown open to the press.

"We have nothing to hide," said union president Ross Cameron.

Mayor Peter Pollen said he welcomes open negotiations, adding that nothing but good can come of reporters being present.

While announcing the union favors open negotiations, he disclosed highlights of union proposals.

Two locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees — maintenance staff at the school board and outside workers for the city — have approved strike action, if necessary.

The municipal employees co-ordinating committee has discussed the possibility of a general lockout if there is a single strike but no decision has been made and regional board chairman Jim Campbell said what happens will be dictated by the circumstances at the time.

Mediation officer Clark Gilmour has been working with both sides seeking a settlement. CUPE locals have turned down a wage increase of 12 per cent for 1975 and several locals have also turned down a second offer of 15.75 per cent.

All contracts expire Dec. 31. But until Gilmour withdraws, no strike or lockout can occur.

Gilmour spent Monday mediating the city outside dispute and was to spend today with the school board maintenance union.

Jim Walker, president of CUPE Local 30, representing 300 city outside workers, said the union reduced its demands "slightly" and received the "inevitable" second offer to all municipal staffs which was rejected.

"They have got to come off that figure or the whole works will be out. It is totally unacceptable," he said.

A. Our resident fashion authority advises that female outfit is pretty well limited to the standard: string of pearls, banion sweater buttoned up the back, calf-length pleated skirt, rolled down bobby socks and saddle shoes.

Men have two acceptable alternatives: the more formal suit of black pointed shoes, white socks, grey flannels, a white shirt and red narrow tie, with lots of grease to slick back hair; or the "tougher" look — black leather jacket, skin tight blue jeans, same greasy hair, and for real authenticity, shirt, with sleeves rolled above the elbow and cigarette package in the fold.

Local Ship Movements

OF TRANSPORT

Ready in drydock in Vancouver, Racer in Gulf Islands patrol area, Rider at Kitsilano; Camell, Douglas and Vancouver in port; Quadra on Station Papa.

MARINE SCIENCES

Pandora II at Pat Bay, all other ships in port.

NAVY

All ships in port.

They're Getting Set for Crunch

Both sides say they don't want a strike or lockout over new contracts for more than 1,500 employees of Greater Victoria municipalities, the school board and the regional board.

But just in case, both sides are gearing for what they may have to do if new contracts cannot be negotiated without a work stoppage.

The 15.75 per cent offer was turned down Monday by members of CUPE Local 511 representing 85 employees in Oak Bay.

CUPE staff representative Tom Smith, commenting on press reports of municipal preparations for a strike, said "the attitude of the employees, it would appear, is that they seem to be spending more time talking of strike than in attempting to negotiate a reasonable settlement."

He said municipal employees are not prepared to be "third and fourth class" workers by earning less money for doing the same or similar work to other workers.

"Our people feel this is grossly unfair for the employer to expect this can continue," he said.

City manager Jim Bramley said garbage collection and the daily operation of the Johnson Street Bridge will pose two of the bigger headaches, if about 30 union-exempt staff are required to try to maintain services normally undertaken by outside staff.

He said the city has stockpiled 150,000 garbage bags and has earmarked certain collection points, but it will be up to individual homeowners to dispose of their own garbage. Burning paper and flattening cans would reduce the bulk considerably.

Most downtown businesses and apartments would not be affected because they have garbage picked up by a disposal firm.

As for the bridge operation, it could be continued in only a drastically limited way, with lifting restricted to just a few times each day to accommodate marine use. (Under normal conditions the bridge is lifted at least nine times per day.)

"It will be down for traffic most of the time," Bramley said. "To operate it as we do normally around the clock

would need three or four people, and there's no way we could do that."

Another potential source of trouble could be breaks in sewer and water mains, hydrants knocked over in traffic accidents or some similar type of emergency situation.

To reduce the possibility of breaks, water main pressure would be cut back, but Bramley added: "Our system is in pretty good shape and we don't envisage too many problems in that direction."

"We have had a number of discussions, and while we certainly hope it won't come about (a strike) we are prepared in our little way — the 30 exempt staff — to do what we can to keep essential services going," the city manager said.

Saanich Mayor Ed Lum is optimistic a strike will be averted but says emergency plans are being drawn up as a precaution.

"We do have an emergency plan but a handful of people can't replace the whole staff," he said. "A strike would mostly affect garbage collection. We would ask people to put all their garbage in plastic bags."

Lum said further plans on "the dumping of them" (garbage bags) would have to be made.

Oak Bay Mayor Brian Smith said garbage collection would be the most important service affected by a strike and residents would have to burn paper garbage, flatten tin cans and not stuff bottles into garbage cans. He wouldn't divulge contingency plans.

Greater Victoria School District is making no contingency preparations for a strike in the new year, superintendent of schools Jake Longmore said.

Longmore said the school board has been encouraged by statements by Bob Cunningham, vice-president of Local 382 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, regarding negotiations.

Cunningham said last week that a non-contract, no-work policy has been rescinded by the local because it "cut down on the possibility of negotiating past the end of the year, if any movement was being made."